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NEGLIGENT DRIVING

BEA CABRERA

Sgt. John Mendiola of Highway Patrol was at the right time and place when a car driven by tourists was cruising along the walkway along Beach Road. Mendiola apprehended the tourists who reasoned out that they thought the walkway was a road. Sgt. Mendiola caught the tourists driving on the pathway toward a lady walking her dog. The tourists apologized for their negligence. "It is not a road. If you take pictures when you drive here, other people from China will come and see this they will do it again." The tourists were given a warning. "On the first violation, we teach them the traffic rules and so we give them a warning. Next time they do it, we then issue a traffic violation ticket." Mendiola added.

Man'amko Center shelters workers

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The Office on Aging on Saipan is currently lodging over 20 allegedly illegal construction workers, while the CNMI Department of Labor continues to conduct its investigation.

In all, about 27 illegal workers, all of them Chinese nationals, are currently residing at the Man'amko Center.

According to an interpreter, the workers are a combination of employees of MCC International, Beilida Overseas, and CMC Macau.

According to previous *Saipan Tribune* articles, these workers entered the Commonwealth as tourist and are therefore not allowed to work here. These workers were allegedly treated poorly by their employers and were not paid their wages.

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'Tour guide planned Marpi robbery'

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Jazzy Kulas Rosokow, a beach volleyball player who works as a tour guide, planned the robbery at Banzai Cliff Road that injured a female tourist, according to court documents.

Police said it was Rosokow's idea to rob tourists in Marpi after his co-defendant, Alvin Jacob Iguel Blas, asked how they could get money.

Rosokow, 39, was arrested on Saturday morning after police learned he was the driver of a white Hyundai Accent, a rental car that was used during the robbery last May 14.

Police arrested Blas on the night of May 14.

Another tourist managed to take a video of a man fleeing the crime scene.

Rosokow, a tour guide for Saipan Adventure, was taken yesterday before Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho for a bail hearing on charges of conspiracy to commit robbery and disturbing the peace.

Camacho kept the $100,000 cash bail he initially imposed in issuing the arrest warrant against Rosokow. Preliminary hearing will be on Thursday at 9am.

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2 more robberies

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Two poker arcades on Saipan were robbed yesterday morning and shortly before noon, but police immediately arrested an ex-convict.

The Department of Public Safety has yet to release information about the two robberies.

Saipan Tribune learned that first to be robbed was Smile Poker in Chalan Kanoa at about 5am, followed by Viva Poker in front of Bank of Guam in Chalan Piao shortly before noon. No one was injured in both cases.

Shortly after the Viva Poker robbery, police arrested Marlon Martin. It is not clear yet whether he was also

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Torres declares CUC emergency

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres declared yesterday a "State of Significant Emergency" in the CNMI after recently accepting the resignation of all gubernatorial appointees of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board.

The order also gives the Office of the Governor the power to continue the planned purchase of a replacement generator, with the Executive Branch leading the project. The Governor's Office would be releasing the request for proposal.

Torres

The replacement generator is for an old engine, alternator No. 8, at CUC's Power Plant 1 in Lower Base. CUC's daily operations—providing power generation, water, and wastewater services to the CNMI—could be disrupted due to its inability to purchase a replacement engine.

Torres said the imminent threat could result in losses and damage

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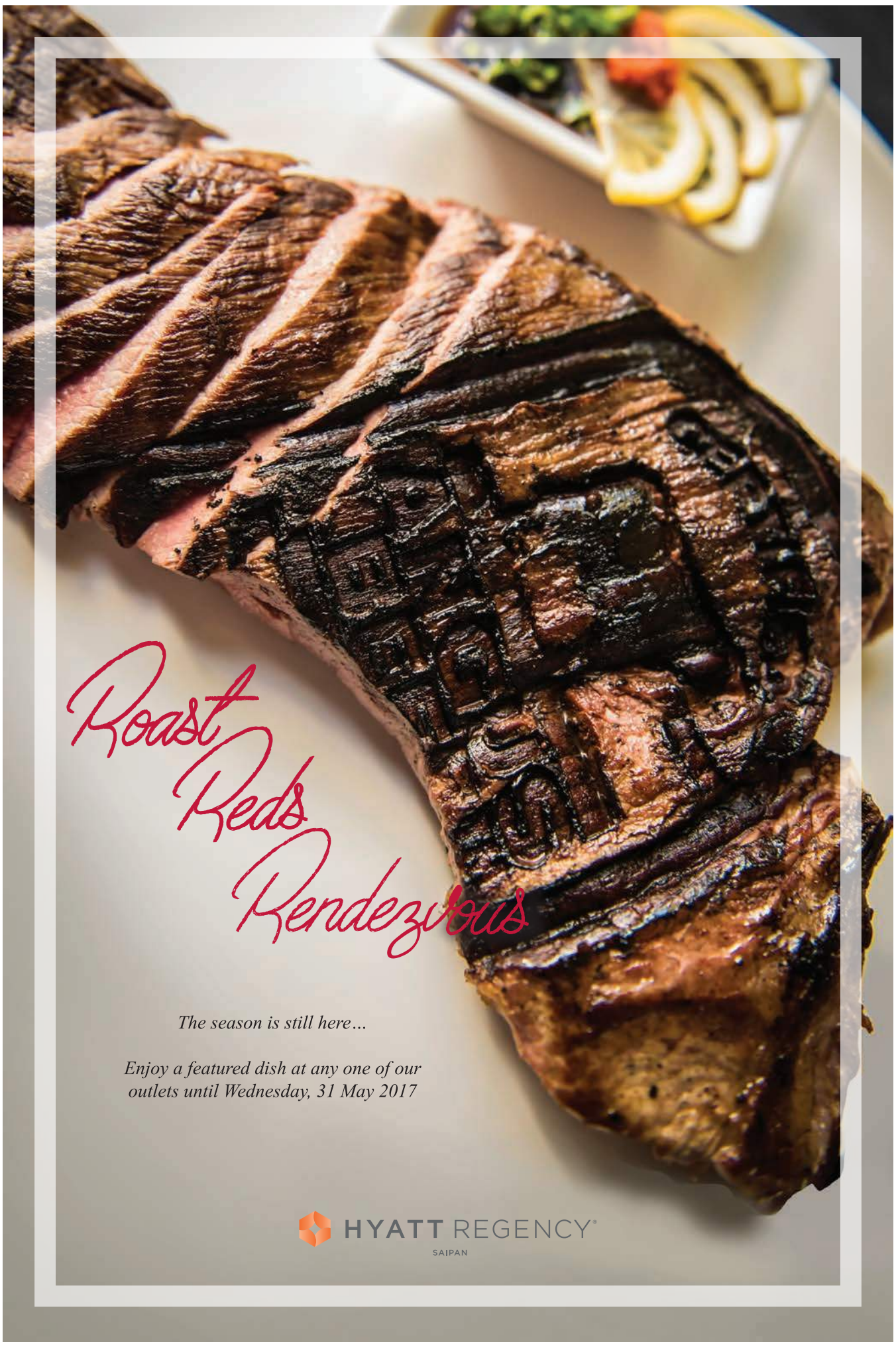
The Tinian Jr. Sr. High School promotes 44 students to the next level. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO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Rodriguez and Dominguiano lead Tinian Jr. Sr. High

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REPORTER

With 44 students promoted to the next level, the Tinian Jr. Sr. High School held a ceremony yesterday at the school cafeteria to highlight the awards and achievements of its honor students.

Rodriguez

Dominguiano

Clarence P. Rodriguez, who also received awards for academic excellence in math, science, social studies, and career technical education, led the Class of 2017 as valedictorian.

In his speech, Rodriguez said his dreams of a good future motivates him to strive for the best, something that he wishes to share with his fellow graduates.

"Give school the best you've got because education is one of the most valuable [keys] to success," he said.

Salutatorian honoree Elvie Marie A. Dominguiano also received academic excellence awards in English language arts and Chamorro and Carolinian Language and Heritage Studies.

"Before you quit, remember why you started," said Dominguiano in her speech. "That is exactly what you all have done—you did not quit."

Among the 44 promoted students, the Top 10 included Rodriguez, Dominguiano, Kiran Arthur M. Shrestha, Tasi Thomas G. Long, David Robert R. Mendiola, Anisha Juana C. Viches, Allen Joshua J. Morilla, Eddawn Loriel N. Labador, Axl Matias Ong, and Karen Joy O. Lagunay.

Trial of man accused of rape begins

A Superior Court jury trial began yesterday in the case of a 56-year-old man accused of raping an 18-year-old student in a jungle area at the Saipan airport.

Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio selected the jurors who will decide the fate of John Santos Aldan, a retired Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power plant operator.

The prosecution and the defense gave their opening statements.

The trial will resume today, Tuesday.

Assistant attorneys general Teri Tenorio and Jonathan Glass Jr. are prosecuting the case. Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig and assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit are counsel for Aldan.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Aldan with sexual assault in the first degree, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

The alleged victim told police that Aldan picked her up from school on Feb. 8, 2016. Instead of taking the usual route, Aldan drove her to a jungle area by the ARFF building at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport.

The teenager said Aldan grabbed her neck and raped her inside his red Toyota T100 pickup truck.

She later told her mother about the incident. Her mother then called the police. Aldan was arrested the following day, Feb. 9. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is joined by the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs and Cabinet officials in proclaiming the week of May 22 to May 29 as Memorial Week. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Torres proclaims Memorial Week

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, along with the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs, declared the week of May 22 to 29 as Memorial Week, in observance of all armed forces who had passed while serving.

"We remember the selfless service of our fallen heroes…all of our military personnel and veterans, their families, and all those who have lost loved ones in the defense of our freedom and safety," Torres said.

Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), a retired Army veteran, was among those present during the ceremony. He expressed the devotion and determination of many veterans and of the fallen who paid the ultimate price to defend these freedoms.

Torres added that the CNMI is home to many veterans and fallen soldiers. He asked the community to join him in paying tribute to the fallen this Memorial Day on May 29 at the Veterans Cemetery, Marpi, at 9am.

For more information on Memorial Week, contact the Office on Military and Veterans Affairs at 664-2650. ***(PR)***

Colleagues thank ex-Labor chief

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Thank-you messages and other well-wishes poured in for former Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero after Gov. Ralph DLG Torres accepted her courtesy resignation Friday last week.

She also sent out a message of thanks to all her staff and the people she worked with. "Thank you for working with me these past few years. Take care of yourselves and we shall cross paths again."

"For Rota and Tinian, forgive me for not being able to physically see you to say *adios*. Do your best to uphold the laws and in the interest of those that we serve," DeLeon Guerrero added.

Both her staff and personnel of the federal labor department wished DeLeon Guerrero the best of luck as she leaves office.

DeLeon Guerrero worked with federal labor officials and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in addressing work-related issues in the CNMI.

US DoL's Educational Field and Small Mine Services manager Kevin Deel honored DeLeon Guerrero's passion in implementing local and federal labor laws.

Office of Insular Affairs field representative Harry C. Blanco thanked DeLeon Guerrero for her service. "You have done well for our office and we surely appreciate all your help."

U.S. Labor's Dean Tenorio honored her conviction for doing what is right. "Standing for what is right should be honored by those in authority. Be proud you did not bow to the feet of the gold goose."

NMI DoL labor processing supervisor James M. Ulloa said DeLeon Guerrero led the department in the right direction and how it would function.

The Torres administration assured that the CNMI remains committed to labor issues until the official appointment of a new Labor chief is made.

Torres also thanked staff and personnel of the local Labor department and looks forward to their continued commitment and doing the important work of enforcing local and federal labor laws under acting Labor Secretary Gil San Nicolas.

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Torres appoints Attao, Benavente to different posts

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on Monday appointed Vincent S. Attao and Anthony T. Benavente to head separate agencies under the Executive Branch. The Senate Executive Appointment and Government Investigations Committee, chaired by Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), still needs to confirm both nominees.

Attao is appointed as the new Department of Corrections commissioner, replacing former head Georgia Cabrera, who was in an acting capacity after Lino Tenorio, the one who replaced her when she resigned, was removed last month. He was the chief parole officer prior to his appointment to Corrections.

Cabrera resigned in February when Torres asked for the courtesy resignation of all Cabinet members. She would remain as DoC's Civil Division director.

Tenorio was immediately appointed by Torres to replace Cabrera but he only lasted more than two months. Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, as acting governor, removed Tenorio from his post.

Benavente, the former Precinct 3 representative, will be heading the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, replacing Eli Cabrera, who was in an acting capacity following the death of former secretary Richard B. Seman last month.

Cabrera will go back to being the director of the Division of Parks and Recreation.

"The [lieutenant governor] and I are confident that you are qualified, and will consistently devote your time and efforts to fulfill the vital responsibilities of this office, and will be an asset to the Commonwealth. Your willingness to serve our people is most appreciated," said Torres in their appointment letters.

Torres, in February, asked all Cabinet members to submit their courtesy resignations as part of the administration's performance review.

Torres, on May 19, accepted the resignation of Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero and appointed Enforcement Division director Gil San Nicolas as acting department head.

James A. Ada (Public Works), Robert H. Hunter (Community and Cultural Affairs), Larrisa Larson (Finance), Mark O. Rabauliman (Commerce), Marianne C. Teregeyo (Public Lands), Robert A. Guerrero (Public Safety), and Claudio K. Norita (Fire and Emergency Medical Services) are the other Cabinet members.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Grief support group to meet on June 1

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding its monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, June 1, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPA-SI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai.

The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families in the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others to be supportive.

For more information, e-mail tcfSaipan@gmail.com or call Donna Krum (783-1900). To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit its website at www.compassionatefriends.org. ***(PR)***

Learn how to manage tasks and time

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce presents "Task & Time Management," the second in its "customer service excellence" series of workshops for 2017 in partnership with Jim Arenovski of Island Training Solutions. This seminar will take place at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce conference room (Marianas Business Plaza, third floor, Suite 315) on June 15, 2017, from 9am to 12pm. Registration fee is $50 per person for Chamber members and $55 per person for non-members. Light refreshments are included. Reservations and advance payment are required, as seating is limited. To register, call 234-7150 or email us at coordinator@saipanchamber.com. ***(PR)***

Election commission meeting today

The Commonwealth Election Commission will meet today, May 23, 2017, at 2pm at its office in Susupe. Additional information concerning this meeting is available at the Susupe office. ***(PR)***

MAN'AMKO

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According to acting Labor secretary Gil San Nicolas, thee workers will be staying at the Man'amko Center until further notice, while Labor investigators look into these workers' claims or until a more permanent living arrangement is discussed with the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, which operates the Man'amko Center.

DCCA Secretary Robert Hunter said the arrangement with Labor to move these workers to the Man'amko Center temporarily was made because it is the only functioning primary shelter on Saipan right now.

According to Hunter, all shelters are currently under renovation and schools could not be used as shelters because classes are still in session, leaving the Man'amko Center as the only functioning shelter on island.

According to San Nicolas, there has been no feedback yet from DCCA about transferring the workers from the Man'amko Center to a more permanent site.

According to an interpreter, the illegal workers have no complaints about their stay at the center. Due to the short notice, the center was only able to provide two beds for the workers. For food, the workers have MREs (meals ready to eat).

The group was moved to the Man'amko Center last Tuesday evening and they are still there.

In a visit to the center yesterday, *Saipan Tribune* saw only a couple of *man'amko* there. They were seen clearing the center's surroundings of cigarette butts, even though the center is a no-smoking area.

According to Hunter, DCCA is working on arranging a permanent shelter for situations like these.

As of now, the duration of the workers' stay at the Man'amko Center remains indefinite, according to San Nicolas.

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to life and property, and disruption of CUC's services to critical infrastructure and key resources in the CNMI.

"These events directly threaten the CNMI in various ways, which include but are not limited to its overall economy, health services, industry (e.g. food, medicine, etc.), public school system, the environment, and the government's ability to properly protect its citizens," he added.

CUC is the lone power supplier on the island. It provides electricity to all government agencies, departments, divisions, and institutions as well as to all businesses and homes.

CUC's lack of ability to maximize its electricity output could endanger life, information, operations, environment, and/or property, Torres said.

"Most CNMI economic activity would be at risk to sustain immediate losses with the potential for long-term adverse economic impact."

"Much refrigeration and air conditioning would end, and the airports and ports would be forced to rely on emergency generation and limited and expensive oil supply for it," added Torres.

Health and safety in the CNMI would also be at risk "because traffic signals and street lighting could cease to function. Emergency, fire, police facilities and their communications systems, and the hospital and island clinics would have to rely on limited oil supplies for emergency generation and then cease functioning."

"And much refrigeration of food and medicines would end, as would air conditioning for the elderly and sick; the public schools and the Northern Marianas College would be at risk to close. Other educational institutions would be at risk to close as their backup oil supplies for emergency generators are exhausted," said Torres.

He said the CNMI's water and sewage system would also be affected since CUC is the lone supplier of electricity to operate these systems. "CUC's water system relies on electricity to maintain the system pressure needed to prevent the backflow of pathogens, to chlorinate, and to pump, store, and distribute water supplies."

"CUC's wastewater system requires electricity to collect, pump, process, treat, and discharge sewage. The lack of electricity could result in sewage overflows, contaminating land and water."

The EO states that CUC would continue to function under executive director Gary Camacho, who would continue to carry out the general operations and management of the agency.

Torres said CUC management has already informed him of the immediate need to buy a replacement engine. Saipan's reserve capacity is at less than 3 megawatts.

CUC said Saipan's minimum reserve should be equal to 40 to 50 percent of the peak demand for power. Currently, the island's power demand is at 41 megawatts.

"If any one of the large units at Power Plant 1 has to be taken out of service for scheduled maintenance or unscheduled repair work, Saipan's power grid would be deficient in meeting the island's power demand. This situation is the result of the rapid commercial development and economic growth Saipan has experienced over the last year," added Torres.

His executive order gives him the power to use all of the government's available resources in response to the emergency. It also transfers CUC's direction, personnel or functions to other departments and agencies to perform or facilitate proper response.

The State of Significant Emergency is in effect for 30 days from the date when the EO was released.

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A private counsel will be appointed for Rosokow as his co-defendant, Blas, is already represented by the Office of the Public Defender.

Assistant attorney general Jonathan Wilbersheid said that Rosokow's case will be consolidated with that of Blas'.

In his declaration filed in Superior Court, police detective Jackson K. Davis disclosed that in their interview with Blas at the Department of Corrections last May 15, Blas confessed that he had gone to the Tanapag LG Apartment at noon last May 14 to check on Rosokow, who is his brother-in-law.

When Blas asked how they could get some money, Rosokow allegedly came up with an idea to proceed to Grotto in Marpi to rob tourists.

Rosokow allegedly told Blas that Grotto was the best place to do the crime since tourists always leave their belongings in their cars.

Blas told police that prior to entering the Marpi area, he pulled over south of the Buddhist temple, then Rosokow drove the white car. Blas told Rosokow not to drive to Grotto because there was a security guard there and that they might get caught.

Rosokow drove toward Banzai Cliff and when he parked behind a tree on the road shoulder of Banzai Cliff Road, they saw a Mustang convertible with tourists parked on the shoulder of the road.

Acting on Rosokow's instructions, Blas waited until the tourists got out of their car before approaching them.

Blas also disclosed that he and Rosokow then went to the YUTA Poker in San Roque, where Rosokow changed a $100 bill for $40. Blas left the place with the white car, while Rosokow stayed back.

At 3:20pm last May 15, two detectives went to YUTA Poker and reviewed the surveillance footage, during which the detectives confirmed Blas's statements that a white four-door sedan going southbound on Chalan Pale Arnold Road pulled into the parking lot of YUTA Poker.

Police detective Buddy Igitol saw footage of a man wearing a dark blue shirt with rectangle design on the front, a blue visor with what appeared to be fake hair attached on the top, and carrying a light colored backpack. The man, later identified as Rosokow, exited the white car and entered the poker arcade. Rosokow was then seen exiting the arcade and walking to the driver side of the white car and handed something to the driver, Blas. The white car then left, heading south on Chalan Pale Arnold Road.

The cashier told detectives that the man, later identified by detectives as Rosokow, handed her $100 and asked for change.

The cashier gave Rosokow five $20 bills and then the suspect left.

At 12:12am on May 15, detectives Igitol and George David arrived at LG Apartment in Tanapag, where they met Rosokow.

Igitol allegedly saw Rosokow wearing a blue visor with fake hair attached to the top of the visor.

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the suspect in the Smile Poker robbery.

In the Smile Poker case, sources said a masked suspect managed to get $60.

There was a security guard assigned at that time, a resident in the area said.

No other details were available as of press time.

In the Viva Poker incident, the suspect, armed with a rebar or a hammer, managed to run off with $2,777.

Footage from a surveillance camera at a nearby establishment showed the robber running away from Viva Poker at 11:58am.

The suspect, who was wearing a baseball cap and dark cloth covering his face, appeared to be very "happy," said two persons who saw the footage.

Sources said that Martin's girlfriend lives near the back area of Viva Poker.

There was also an attempt to rob Viva Poker last month, a worker in the area said.

Martin pleaded guilty to armed robbery and was sentenced in April 2010 to seven years in prison, with no parole.

Martin and his co-defendant, Fernando C. Quitano, used a sledgehammer to smash their way into 24 Hours Pawnshop in Chalan Kanoa on Oct. 23, 2009.

The two, wearing masks, smashed the cashier's booth and attacked the employees and a 73-year-old man with a crowbar and sledgehammer.

Quitano was convicted and got a 42-year prison sentence in June 2011.

Tsujis keep coming back to Saipan

Since 1991, Teruhito Tsuji and his mother, Rieko, have been frequent visitors to Saipan and have witnessed the rise and ebb of the Japanese tourist market on the island.

From being the No. 1 tourist market of the Commonwealth in the 1990s and early 2000s, Japan now places a distant third from tourists from China and Korea.

The Tsujis, however, have remained steadfast in their 26-year love affair with the islands and have enjoyed its azure waters, flame tree-lined roads, and friendly people more than 30 times during that span.

Whenever they're in the 670, Teruhito and Rieko almost always find themselves in the comfortable confines of the Aqua Resort Club, whose staff treats them close to royalty since they discovered this tropical paradise in the North Pacific close to three decades ago.

"We've really fallen in love with Saipan. The friendly staff of Aqua Resort Club is like family to us and we always love coming back here for vacation. They really take good care of us," said Teruhito.

Among the activities the Tsujis take part in on Saipan include sightseeing, shopping, food-tripping, and their favorite, trolling. In fact, just last week, the Tsujis rented a speedboat and went trolling near Tinian where they caught plenty of fish.

Aqua Resort F&B supervisor Joel Subang said the Tsujis have been loyal customers of the Achugao hotel since Day 1 and are sort of ambassadors of Saipan at a time when tourists arrivals from Japan are waning.

"They are good. They treat us like family. They always choose Aqua Resort because of our friendly staff service and because they feel that ARC is their home," said Subang.

Aside from Saipan, Teruhito and Rieko have also visited Los Angeles and Las Vegas in the U.S., Palau and Guam in Micronesia, the Philippines and Vietnam in Southeast Asia, and China and Korea in East Asia, but they said nothing compares to the CNMI, which they consider their second home.

Data from the Marianas Visitors Authority pointed out that visitor arrivals from Japan totaled just 62,120 in 2016. That is a precipitous drop from the 450,190 who visited the islands in 1997, which was the peak of Japanese arrivals to the CNMI.

Despite the downward trend, MVA is not losing hope; it still considers Japan one of the pillars of tourism in the CNMI.

The CNMI's tourism body argues that Japan remains the third largest economy in the world. It is also only three hours away by plane from the CNMI and Japanese tourists could enter the CNMI visa-free. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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Teruhito Tsuji and his mother, Rieko, pose with Mayrianne and Juliana Subang shortly after arriving at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport for yet another vacation on the islands.

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17 graduate from SCS

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REPORTER

Saipan Community School promoted 17 students to high school last Thursday during a graduation ceremony at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

Jason Sablan, the valedictorian of the Class of 2017, said he is thankful to SCS for helping him in his journey, especially his teachers and his family.

ERWIN ENCINARES

Saipan Community School promoted 17 students to high school last Thursday during a graduation ceremony at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

"The teachers at SCS are so unique. They created a bond with the students that you would find in a family. I would miss chapel, having chapel buddies, and the family we created every Friday," said Sablan.

One of the many things that Sablan learned from SCS was that family "makes everything easier" and the benefits from being with SCS include building relationships "with not just students in your grade but students from other grade levels as well."

According to Sablan, he learned to place God as his No. 1 priority in life and "to trust Him in everything you do."

Sablan would be entering Saipan International School with his older siblings.

JASON SABLAN
Valedictorian

MARK NAM
Salutatorian

Jason Sablan's mother, Shirley Sablan, is extremely proud of her son's achievement. She described Jason as a "consistent over-achiever since Kindergarten" and a "young perfectionist with a strong ambition."

"[Jason] does well in almost everything he sets his mind to. He excels in sports, band, and a number of extra-curricular activities, including the CNMI junior high mock trial, the Public School System Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Fair, CrossFit, basketball, and cross country," she said.

In his spare time, Jason Sablan is interested in video production and can be found on YouTube as "j.warp."

SCS salutatorian Mark Nam said that, although he has not been with the class since Kindergarten like most of his classmates, he is still grateful to have known them.

"I am thankful for them. Since 4th grade we all have been friends. They have been excellent friends to me. They helped me study and learn during class time and played with me at recess. They have been real good friends," he said.

The ceremony's keynote speakers were three of the school's teachers: O'Rania Sikayun, Ashley Sikayun, and Tamiko Winkfield, all of whom are about to leave the school.

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Bid packets will be available on Monday, May 22, 2017, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by cash, credit card, money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at the NMHC Conference Room, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed site, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director of the NMHC, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, or faxed to (670) 234-9021 no later than 10:30 a.m. local time, Thursday, June 22, 2017.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-17-IFB-017

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A CUBICLE WORKSTATIONS/PARTITIONS AND OFFICE FURNITURE/FIXTURE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDING SAFETY CODE DIVISION SECTION, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for Supply and Delivery of a Cubicle Workstations/Partitions and Office Furniture/Fixture for the Department of Public Works, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after May 23, 2017 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **June 8, 2017, 9:00 a.m. local time** at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **June 20, 2017** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-17-IFB-017**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time June 23, 2017**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, June 23, 2017**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 23, 2017 and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **July 5, 2017**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, July 10, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m. local time, on July 23, 2017**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Thirty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred (US$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/SWMD17-RFP-016

IDENTIFICATION, SEPARATION, STAGING, RECOVERING, PERFORMING VOLUME REDUCTION, AND DISPOSING OF DEBRIS GENERATED AS A RESULT OF TYPHOON SOUDELOR

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies or individuals to provide for Identification, Separation, Staging, Recovering, Performing Volume Reduction, and Disposing of Debris Generated as a result of Typhoon Soudelor, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-210** (competitive sealed proposals) of the Procurement Regulations.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

The Scope of Services will be available on or after **May 16, 2017** at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950. A non-refundable payment of One-Hundred-Dollars (US$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the Solid Waste Management Division office.

A **Mandatory** Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., local time, at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station on **June 2, 2017.** Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Enrique Dela Cruz, Director of Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950 or fax to (670) 322-2762 no later than 4:00 p.m. local time **June 14, 2017.**

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"DPW/SWMD17-RFP-016."** For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposal must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capital Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 (formerly Emergency Management Office behind CHRB Postal Office), no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **June 20, 2017.**

Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose.** Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **June 20, 2017,** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 20, 2017** and must be received no later **June 29, 2017.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of proposal.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offer. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

The firm selected will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section **70-30.3-245** and must be able to obtain a CNMI Business License prior to contract award.

Procurement of these services is made in accordance with NMIAC Section 70-30.3-210 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposals for the project will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Technical Approach: (40% weight)
2. Qualifications of Key Staff: (25% weight)
3. Representative Projects: (25% weight)
4. Cost: 10%

Technical merit is more important than price and the Government reserves the right to award to other than the lowest proposer. As proposals become more equal in technical merit, the importance of price will increase.

Award shall be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined in writing to be most advantageous to the government taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in this request for proposal. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

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The Sahagun family taken when Ageline was a sophomore at the University of Guam. From left, Ruben Sagahun, Austin Sagahun, Yolly Sagahun, and Ageline Sahagun.

CNMI lass graduates from UOG with summa cum laude honors

By BEA CABRERA
REPORTER

Ageline Sahagun, whose remarkable journey as a student has enough material for a long series of stories, is on track to achieve her dream of becoming a physician.

Her most recent achievement is graduating from the University of Guam last May 22, 2017, with a bachelor's degree in Biology and with *summa cum laude* honors.

This petite, beautiful girl was born and raised on Saipan and was a model scholar at every level: elementary school at Garapan Elementary School, middle school at Hopwood, and high school at Marianas High School. In college, she was a scholar of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Guam.

Ageline's father, Ruben Sahagun, has every right to be proud of her. "We did not shell out a single cent for her schooling while she was growing up, which was a big help for the family. We have a humble means of livelihood. I work in maintenance at the Pacific Medical Center and my wife, Yolly, works as a buyer at I Love Saipan. We consider ourselves blessed. She is a natural in everything that she does. She loved science and math."

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ageline Sahagun at her graduation from the University of Guam last Sunday. "The year 2016 was hard on me. From dealing with my mother's illness and doubting that I'd succeed in my dreams. But time and again, God proves He has better plans."

Aside from her academic achievements, Ageline Sahagun was also a tutor for science and math subjects and for the AmeriCorps during high school. She was also a teaching assistant at the Science Department in her university.

Last summer, she was one of several scholars selected from different universities to be part of a summer research program and seminar series supported by the Institute of Public Health. She was offered by Harvard University and Washington University (St. Louis Children's Hospital) to take up the program with them. Ageline Sahagun chose the latter.

Ageline Sahagun's next step is to become a physician. She will be pursuing medical school as a scholar of the John Hopkins Doctoral University Program in Baltimore, Maryland.

Ageline Sahagun's dream of becoming a physician doesn't stop there. She vows to return to the CNMI.

"She wanted to be a [physician] even as a little kid. Now that her dreams are becoming a reality, we are so happy. It is also her dream to come back to Saipan as a [physician] because she knows the island needs doctors. It is her way of giving back to the community," said Ruben Sahagun.

Angeline Sahagun herself said, "I'm so happy to move on to the next chapter of my life as a research scholar at John Hopkins. I never thought I'd reach this point. I am proud to be from the CNMI and I will represent my home the best I can."

3RD MARIANAS HISTORY CONFERENCE

Abstract submission deadline extended

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council has extended the submission deadline for paper abstracts for the 3rd Marianas History Conference.

The new submission deadline is Friday, June 2, 2017.

The conference will be held on Sept. 1-2, 2017, at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. It will cover a full range of topics associated with the archipelago's history.

Papers may be submitted under the following general categories: Ancient Chamorro History; Early Colonial (17th – 18th centuries); Late Colonial (19th – early 20th centuries); World War II; Recent (post-war); and Oral History and Genealogical Research. The organizers also encourage student presentations.

Paper abstracts with a maximum of 150 words and the presenter's bio may be submitted via a link on the council webpage at www.northernmarianashumanities.org.

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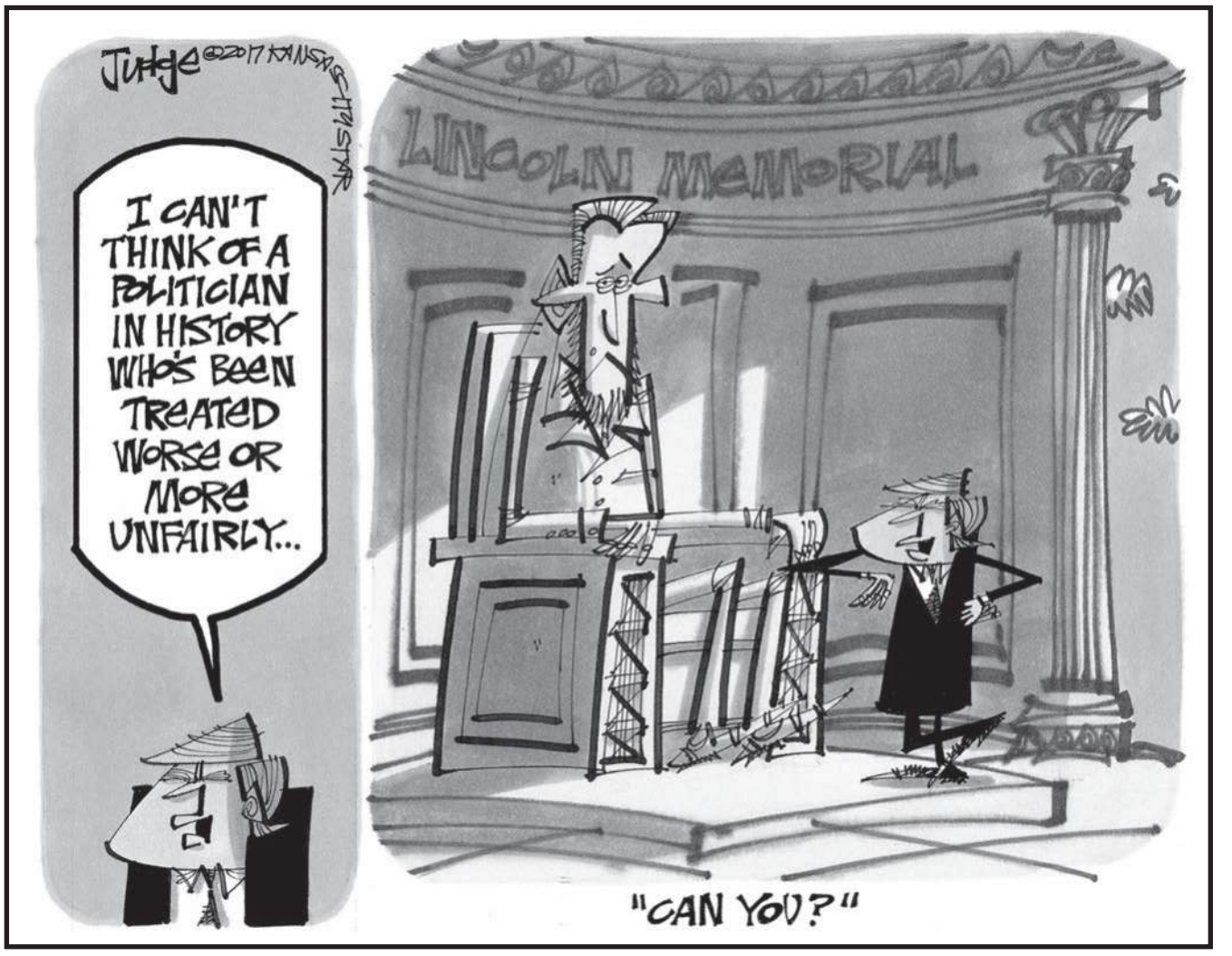
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Perfect storm over Trump

Donald Trump is in a desperate scramble to recover some of his credibility and to avoid losing the support of his fellow Republicans who rule the Congress. He is in a mess of his own making, in the eye of a "perfect storm" of trouble:

First, he's continued to downplay the importance of investigations into Russian interference in the 2016 election (to help him) even though virtually all intelligence officials believe the interference was real.

Second, he invited Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Ambassador Sergey Kislyak to the Oval Office one day after he fired FBI Director James Comey, which he followed with confusing and changing rationales. Comey's agency had been investigating the Russian issue, and he reportedly had requested more resources to pursue the investigation.

Third, Trump banned American media from the meeting but allowed Russia's state-run media, which broadcast pictures of Trump glad-handing officials all over the world.

Fourth, a Washington Post report had Trump revealing highly classified intelligence information pertaining to the activities of a U.S. partner to the Russians that could put allies in jeopardy. One official said anonymously that Trump "revealed more information to the Russian ambassador than we have shared with our own allies." The intelligence reportedly had to do with plots in the Islamic State.

To boot, Kislyak was a key figure in the controversy that led to the firing of Gen. Michael Flynn, briefly Trump's national security adviser. Flynn's pre-election meetings with Kislyak, a veteran spy, led to his firing.

That episode, and the recent meeting in the Oval Office, only underlined for the American people Trump's connections with Russians, and ongoing reports of Trump business dealings with Russia raised further questions. Trump, after all, praised Russian leader Vladimir Putin during his campaign.

The White House went into a mad rush of damage control, with H.R. McMaster, the national security adviser, making brief and carefully worded comments before declining questions. Trump's aides reportedly were doing damage control with other parts of the government's intelligence network.

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Roger Ailes, one of a kind

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On my first visit to Roger Ailes' office, I half expected to find him petting an enormous white tiger, perhaps feeding it from a bowl of raw meat. After all, this was at the height of Ailes' reputation as a kind of James Bond villain (and well before the sexual harassment scandals that ended his career).

That wasn't his reputation in-house at Fox News (where I am a contributor), of course. He elicited enormous affection and loyalty from most of the people who worked for him, particularly those he plucked from obscurity and turned into superstars. But in a field that trails only Hollywood and pop music for its capacity to create divas, Ailes understood that fear—which tends to encourage humility—was a useful tool for managing superstars.

Over the course of the meeting it became clear that Ailes was sizing me up for a project he thought I might be right for. (I wasn't.) His language was alternately ribald and cerebral. I realized that there was a brilliance behind the bawdiness; it helped him take the measure of people. I've often joked that Ailes was an odd mix of Boss Hogg and Aristotle.

But Aristotle is probably the wrong comparison. Aristophenes—the Greek playwright—is a better fit.

Ailes was proud of the fact that he got his start in theater. He told me that he brought that sensibility to television. TV is an entertainment medium, one that appeals to the rational parts of our brains but also to the emotional parts. This was not an insight unique to Ailes, but he understood better than most that if the emotional part wasn't working (what people see), people wouldn't pay attention to the rational parts (what people said).

That's why Ailes famously watched the news on mute when he was assessing talent. "If there was nothing happening on screen in the way the host looked or moved that made me interested enough to stand up and turn the sound up, then I knew that the host was not a great television performer," Ailes wrote in his book, "You Are the Message."

Of course, he took his understanding of human nature and drama to politics as well. Discovered by Richard Nixon, Ailes went on to become one of the most influential political consultants in American history.

When Ailes started Fox News, the joke goes, he discovered an underserved niche in television news: half the country.

Most of the people who decry Fox News as "right wing" either don't watch it or cherry-pick quotes from the opinion side. The truth is, Fox was always more nationalist and populist—patriotic, if you prefer—than ideologically conservative. Ailes had a healthy (and sometimes unhealthy) contempt for the journalistic establishment, which by the early 1990s had become ideologically cosmopolitan.

As a broad generalization, the elite media saw itself as a kind of transatlantic guild, with at best loose attachments to this country, and a dim and cynical view toward anything that smacked of not just conservatism, but patriotism and traditionalism.

For example, in 1987, Columbia University held a symposium with political, journalistic and military leaders. The journalists were asked if they'd agree to embed with an enemy army unit. They said they would. When asked if they would tip off Americans about to be ambushed, then-ABC News anchor Peter Jennings agonized and finally said he would. Mike Wallace of CBS chastised Jennings, saying it was "another story. ... You don't have a higher duty. No. No. You're a reporter!" Jennings switched his position.

Ailes not only had contempt for this kind of thing, he understood that many decent Americans shared it. "My first qualification" for running Fox News, Ailes once said, "is I didn't go to Columbia Journalism School."

Dramaturgically, Ailes' vision for Fox News was predicated on the belief that America is a decent country—particularly in the vast middle where coastal elites do not dominate—and that there is no inherent contradiction between good reporting and the sort of patriotism common to journalists such as Walter Cronkite and Ernie Pyle.

Fox's populism was an easy fit with American conservatism for two decades because populist indictments of liberal elites and conservative ones overlap a great deal. In the era of Donald Trump that overlap has been attenuated somewhat, and that has been a challenge at Fox—and beyond.

Ailes, a man of demons and angels, brilliance and bawdiness, shaped his times more than almost anyone. It would have been fascinating to hear his ultimate answer to that challenge.

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Emotions forecast: anxious, winds of change

By GINA BARRECA
The Hartford Courant

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It was probably a mistake to read Psychology Today while my husband was watching The Weather Channel. He's absorbed by a story focused on the world's most extreme weather and I'm reading an article about how to avoid toxic colleagues at parties. He's finding out about the devastating effects of long-term drought and I'm reading about social anxiety at office events.

My husband has the advantage: He and his fellow meteorologists (isn't every man who watches The Weather Channel a meteorologist?) can see the future through the magical yet scientific power of Doppler radar. I'm stuck with a quiz asking if I need salty snacks and/or alcoholic beverages in order not to run screaming out of the room when co-workers approach me at a party (Answer: If there are popchips, I don't mind).

After more about floods, tornadoes and erosion (on TV, not in Psychology Today), I decide that what I need is the equivalent of Doppler effect radar for my emotional life. I want to know what's ahead for the next 24 hours and I want to be offered a 10-day outlook. In addition, I'd like to be reminded of my historic highs and lows for this time of year to know whether my mood this week is going to set any kind of record.

I want to know whether I need an umbrella or whether I need to use my smile as one.

I want this information provided by a well-dressed professional—flanked by cheerfully colored quasi-scientific diagrams and models—who, with undiminished poise and equanimity, will alert me to bright, sunny days or the immediate need to evacuate using only designated emergency routes.

These professionals would receive their information from a national Institute of Mood Safety, and they would keep us up-to-date with "First Alerts" and "Early Warnings": "After an unsettled and humid night, expect a morning of mixed emotions, with anger gusts sweeping in right before lunch." After all, predictions, precautions and preparation would keep us far more secure and sanguine if we could arrange, in advance, for whatever changes might be coming our way. Is it going to be gloomy? Is a sense of dread gathering out to our west, or perhaps an unusual amount of high pressure looming right over our shoulders?

Since weather is getting so unnervingly local that we'll soon be able to tell not only whether raindrops will be falling on our heads but whether they'll fall on our elbows or on our left foot or our right foot, I would hope that our moods could be traced with the same exactitude.

I want to know if there's going to be a downpour of sentiment, a drought of generosity, a mix of sun and clouds causing buyer's remorse and whether there are going to be mood swings coming over the mountains when they come. Is there a chance of a panic attack on Tuesday afternoon? I would like to know not only how to dress appropriately but what to postpone: I would know whether or not a picnic was appropriate or whether a cage match might be more in order.

Finally, I'm not interested so much in tropical depressions as I am in topical depressions, which leads me to believe that we should also have a Doppler radar to predict what's going on politically. I believe I'm not the only one going through this: I could be having a genuinely lovely day, only to turn on the news and fall directly into the slough of despond. That's what I call a topical depression—it will be a sudden change in climate having to do with what happened during the last 15 minutes in Washington, D.C.

"Who wants to be foretold the weather?" asks Jerome K. Jerome, one of my favorite humor writers. "It is bad enough when it comes, without our having the misery of knowing about it beforehand." But foretold can be forearmed. Perhaps we'll figure out how to protect ourselves against the winds of a changing political climate. Or perhaps we'll learn how to cope with a suddenly urgent sense of social anxiety aroused by witnessing the end of human history as it comes hurtling toward us. I'll break out the popchips.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Stop twisting the truth

It is very disturbing that a representative would choose to publicly try and convict individuals and businesses in the media without getting his facts straight. Clearly, all the responses that GPSM made to the Engine Selection Committee and the CUC board were not divulged to the Legislature, which would have vindicated GPSM. Yet, Rep. Propst has chosen to paint an unfair picture of GPSM and has soiled the reputations of good standing people. The legislative oversight committees could have invited GPSM to testify at the hearings, but chose not to and accepted the misrepresentations of Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Sirok. If the Public Auditor and the FBI are conducting investigations, why does Mr. Propst continue his own trial in the media of GPSM? I had no idea that doing business in the CNMI would be so vicious.

In the ethics complaint filed by Mr. Propst, he questions Jim Espaldon acting as my attorney. Jim is a friend of many years and a confidant that I trust. He has never been my attorney nor has he represented himself to be an attorney for GPSM. What does his title as senator to do with this is irrelevant. Jim Espaldon was chosen as chief negotiator because he is a valued and trusted friend. Our team of professionals recognized Jim's professionalism and the team collectively decided that he should represent us as the team's negotiator. This is what good business people do.

My résumé as a woman, small business owner speaks for itself. I have worked for an engineering firm and a construction company prior to opening my own business. I've worked for over 22 years in the construction and waste industries. I've personally put together RFP and bid proposals for successfully completed projects in the CNMI, Guam, the Marshall Islands, the FSM, and Alaska. In preparing and planning a project you assemble a team of subject matter experts and professionals to deliver a quality project for clients.

GPSM did exactly that: we teamed with an OEM engine manufacturer, a qualified engineering company, NV5, who was familiar with the issues in the CMNI, and an environmental engineering firm to handle issues with USEPA. The truth is Fairbanks Morse, a company that was started in 1885, was supplying the engine that GPSM was purchasing for the project at a negotiated price and GPSM, along with assistance from Fairbanks Morse and NV5, an engineering company with over 65 years of experience, was assisting GPSM in installing the unit. Fairbanks Morse only makes the engine and there is nothing wrong or illegal with GPSM arranging this legal deal to fulfill the CNMI's power needs. Where is the fraud in this?

Part of my team is my husband of over 25 years. Robert has a vast knowledge of the construction industry and I highly value his expertise. I trust him to represent me, that's what husbands and wives do, we trust each other. I consider myself lucky to have such a smart and talented spouse who I can rely on. As a businesswoman, I don't need to be a subject matter expert in everything, so long as I surround myself with good business professionals. This is good business and that's what successful businesses do.

It is very apparent that Rep. Propst does not want to accept the explanation in my letter, that I put together a "team," not partners, for the purchase and installation of the engine—meaning no one was a partner if you understand what "GPSM's sole responsibility" means. This was stated clearly in the original submission and further clarified on three separate occasions in writing and in videoconferences with the selection committee. You are purposely misquoting the facts, and playing semantics with the word partnership for your political benefit.

Furthermore, I find it strange that a representative would advocate the awarding of a contract to a foreign company in Finland versus a CNMI company using local labor and local businesses and suppliers, all who pay local taxes. Why would you advocate awarding a contract to a foreign company and exempt them from paying almost $1 million in local taxes?

The job of the government is to provide stable infrastructure for its citizens and the community at large. Its common knowledge that the power system is unstable. The water supply is not potable due to saltwater intrusion, a problem that has existed for many years. Yet Mr. Propst calls reverse osmosis a "scheme." This "scheme" is the same technology being used by local water suppliers on Saipan for bottled water. If this "scheme" of reverse osmosis works for communities around the world, why is it not good enough for the people of Saipan? Should the community continue to suffer because of Mr. Propst's lack of vision or solutions to improve the quality of life in the CNMI?

It is sad to see a lawmaker make so many false allegations and assumptions and even get the Legislature to follow his lead. He continues to plead for someone else like the OPA, FBI and even the Guam Legislature to do his bidding. Rep. Propst continues to ignore the fact that it was the Selection Committee who chose GPSM and not the board who only ratified the Selection Committee's recommendations. Who is really wrong: the board or the committee made up of senior management and power plant personnel?

GPSM, my husband, and I are looking forward to the day when the dust settles so that everyone can see the truth in this matter. I truly hope Rep. Ed. Propst will stop twisting the truth to his political advantage and refrain from making disparaging remarks against us, the former members of the CUC board, and our business associates and friends. As I stated before we welcome any formal process to resolve this matter because GPSM won the bid and should be awarded the contract.

Amellia Toelkes
President/owner, GPSM

TRUMP

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But once again, Trump's inexperience, short attention span, cowboy style and recklessness were showing—and this time, he wasn't bashing Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama. The president who reportedly wants only brief "bullet points" in his intelligence briefing showed his ignorance and arrogance to the world, and his fellow Republicans on Capitol Hill didn't seem to be rushing to his defense.

Their concern, now and always, is re-election, and Trump's flirtations with the Russians, firing of a credible FBI director and uninformed, shoot-from-the-hip tweets won't help in 2018.

And if Trump does not get a grasp and quickly of his grave responsibilities and the need for self-control, he risks the office he never expected to win and perhaps didn't even want to win.

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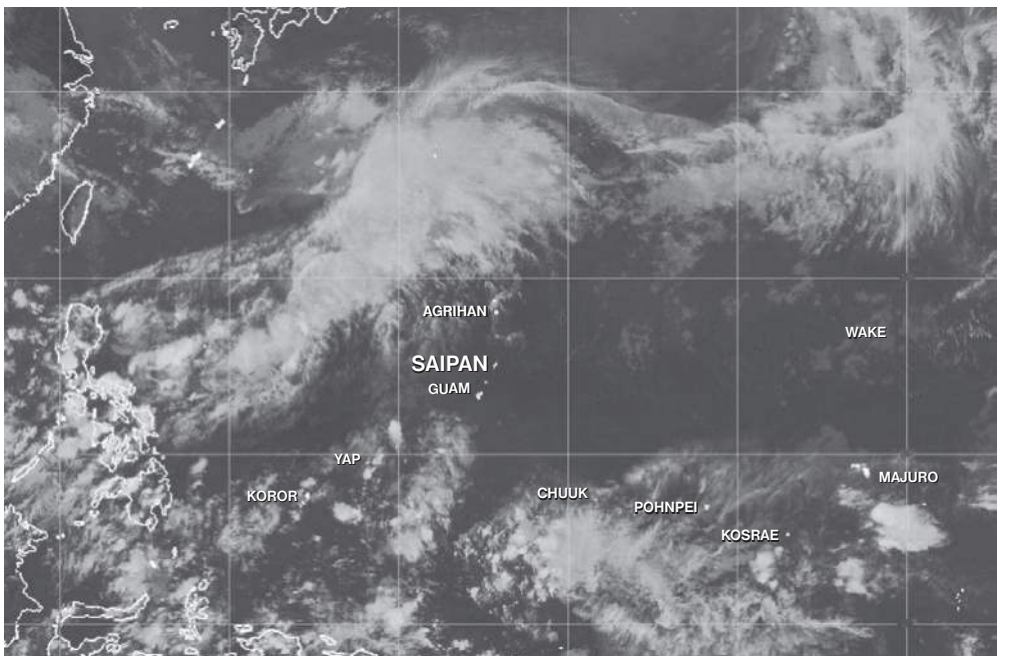
The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy.	Sunshine and clouds mixed.	Sunshine and clouds mixed.	Partly cloudy.	Scattered showers and thunderstorms, especially early in the day.
▲86° ▼79°	▲86° ▼79°	▲86° ▼79°	▲86° ▼79°	▲86° ▼79°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:30 AM, MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Have removed mostly cloudy for today through Tues night, as models show only a slight potential for some increase in mid-level clouds, and satellite shows no indication of significantly increased clouds. Otherwise, the forecast remains the same--generally dry with only isolated showers at most through the new week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Sunny	89 | 81 °F
Palau	Thunderstorms	85 | 78 °F
Yap	Partly cloudy	86 | 74 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87 | 81 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85 | 80 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85 | 81 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85 | 81 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Sunny	58 | 47 °F
Beijing	Partly cloudy	89 | 75 °F
Hong Kong	Cloudy	81 | 77 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	82 | 73 °F
London	Cloudy	72 | 56 °F
Los Angeles	Mostly sunny	84 | 62 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	88 | 79 °F
Melbourne	Rain	63 | 54 °F
Miami	Sunny	85 | 76 °F
New York	Rain	72 | 57 °F
Osaka	Sunny	79 | 58 °F
Paris	Sunny	70 | 52 °F
Pusan	Mostly sunny	88 | 62 °F
Rome	Sunny	82 | 57 °F
Salem	Mostly Sunny	72 | 47 °F
San Francisco	Sunny	72 | 52 °F
Seoul	Sunny	84 | 60 °F
Tokyo	Partly cloudy	80 | 65 °F
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	76 | 58 °F

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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
5:06 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.03
11:54 AM	LOW TIDE	0.14
6:07 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.78
11:52 PM	LOW TIDE	0.66

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:46 AM	6:40 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:41 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:41 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:41 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	3:25 AM	4:01 PM	-
Wednesday	4:13 AM	5:02 PM	-
Thursday	5:05 AM	6:05 PM	-
Friday	6:01 AM	7:09 PM	-
Saturday	7:00 AM	8:14 PM	-

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5

SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)

7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:30am	Daily via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UO43	4:40am	8:10am	1, 3, 4, 6
HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily
ZE581	10:15am	3:35pm	Daily
7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	8:30pm	1:20am+1	6, 7
OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4

JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN

7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
UO42	4:50pm	12:05am+1	2, 6
UO42	6:05pm	1:10am+1	1
UO42	6:10pm	1:10am+1	4
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Atkins Kroll offers Toyota car as TOC hole-in-one prize

Atkins Kroll (Saipan) Toyota will be offering a brand new 2017 Limited Edition 50th Anniversary Toyota Corolla that will be featured as a hole-in-one prize in the upcoming Governor's Tournament of Champions.

"For 20 years, the Governor's Tournament of Champions has raised critical funds that have supported many community projects, including those that enhance our islands' most visited sites," said Doug Brennan, general manager of Atkins Kroll (Saipan) Toyota. "We are thrilled to again sponsor this year's tournament and wish all the players luck!"

"We are thankful to Atkins Kroll for its contribution and longstanding commitment to TOC," said Ben Babauta, tournament director. "The addition of the 2017 Limited Edition 50th Anniversary Toyota Corolla adds a lot of excitement to the Tournament."

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Atkins Kroll (Saipan) representatives pose with organizers of the 2017 Tournament of Champions in front of a brand new 2017 Limited Edition 50th Anniversary Toyota Corolla, which is featured as a hole-in-one prize in the upcoming tournament on May 27 and 28, 2017.

The 22nd Governor's Tournament of Champions will be played at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort's east & west courses on May 27 and 28. The two-day event is bigger and better than ever with exciting hole-in-one prizes and the chance to win thousands of dollars in possible prizes. The TOC tournament fee is $200.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2017 TOC, contact Babauta at 483-2563. For player information and to download the registration form, visit www.tocSaipan.com. ***(PR)***

Memorial Day at the AMP

In observance of Memorial Day, American Memorial Park will honor all those who died serving in America's armed forces during the World War II Marianas Campaign.

Park staff is inviting community partners and volunteers to help light over 500 *luminaria* leading up to the Court of Honor. The *luminaria* will be lit on Sunday evening, May 28, 2017, and remain lit on Memorial Day.

The community is invited to participate:

■ May 28 from 3pm to 6pm: Volunteer to help lay out the *luminaria* display and to place a *luminaria* in front of the Court of Honor to remember the fallen. A table will be set up with materials to personalize a *luminaria*; LED tea lights will be provided.

■ May 28-29: Take time to remember those who gave their lives in service of our country. Visit the Court of Honor, which is inscribed with the names of over 5,000 servicemen who were killed or missing in action during WWII. At sunset, pay tribute to our fallen in the glow of over 500 *luminaria*, each of which represents 10 names inscribed on the Court of Honor. ***(NPS)***

KUAM CBS TV11 returns

Docomo Pacific welcomes the televised return of KUAM CBS TV11 to its Saipan and Tinian channel lineup.

The live broadcasting has not been available to subscribers on Saipan and Tinian since August 2015 following Typhoon Soudelor. The live broadcasting was relaunched on April 21, 2017. Local broadcaster Pacific Telestations LLC, doing business as KUAM, renewed its agreement with CBS, to bring real-time broadcasting of CBS programming to Saipan and Tinian.

CBS Network televises shows such as *NCIS, The Big Bang Theory, 60 Minutes, Madam Secretary, Survivor, Criminal Minds, The Young and the Restless, The Price Is Right, The Late Show with Stephen Colbert,* and the *Late Late Show with James Corden. **(PR)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy 14th birthday, R.J.! Congratulations on your promotion! So proud of you. Greetings come from Mommy and your siblings.

Six NMC students to participate in a scientific research program

Northern Marianas College, in collaboration with Portland State University, has announced the selection of the 2017 NMC scholars who will be participating in the third round of the BUILD EXITO program.

This is an undergraduate research training program funded by the National Institute of Health that is geared toward training students/scholars who are interested in conducting scientific research in biomedical, bioengineering, behavioral, clinical, health, and social topics.

"We are proud of the students who have undergone a rigorous selection process and who will now be part of an exciting program that allows them to build their scientific research capacity as they work alongside scientists and highly knowledgeable mentors," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez.

The program aims to help scholars find solutions to today's major health problems and to give them an opportunity to have hands-on, paid research experience. Participating scholars will have the opportunity to receive over $1,000 per month stipend, receive faculty and peer mentoring, and attend Portland State University to earn their Bachelor of Science degree.

NMC was initially granted five slots for scholars that could apply for BUILD EXITO. However, this year had a multitude of scholars who applied to take part in the program, and due to the high caliber of students who applied, NMC was awarded a sixth slot. The six scholars who have been selected are Ann Jeline Manabat, Austin Delos Santos, Christopher Manglona, Chenoa Bunts-Anderson, Maria Vida Echaluse, and Michael Tizon Santos.

To be eligible to participate in the program, applicants had to meet the following requirements: 1) are either U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or non-citizen nationals, 2) are full-time undergraduate students at NMC, 3) have at least three years remaining in their degree program, and 4) have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

The faculty mentors at NMC include Charlotte Cepeda, NMC School of Education director; Dr. Beylul Solomon, associate professor for NMC School of Education in Rehabilitation & Human Services; and Roland Merar, assistant professor for NMC School of Education in Elementary Education. ***(PR)***

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Six Northern Marianas College student scholars have been selected to be part of the 2017 Build Exito Program that helps students to become scientific researchers. Standing from left: Chenoa Bunts-Anderson; Maria Vida Echaluse; Ann Jeline Manabat; Michael Tizon Santos; Austin Delos Santos; and Christopher Manglona. Seated from left: Roland Merar, assistant professor for NMC School of Education in Elementary Education; Charlotte Cepeda, NMC School of Education director; Dr. Carmen Fernandez, NMC president; and Dr. Beylul Solomon, associate professor for NMC School of Education in Rehabilitation & Human Services.

37th NMC Commencement Exercise

ERWIN ENCINARES
A record-breaking 208 seniors graduate from the Northern Marianas College on Saturday.

ERWIN ENCINARES
Keynote speaker Gerard Van Gils delivers his inspirational speech on the roles of education in the CNMI.

ERWIN ENCINARES
NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez delivers her opening remarks.

ERWIN ENCINARES
A graduate holds up his diploma in front of the crowd at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres shares a few words with the graduates. ERWIN ENCINARES

CNMI officials attend the NMC graduation. ERWIN ENCINARES

Taste of the Marianas

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The third night of the Taste of the Marianas last Saturday was well received by both the public and tourists alike. ERWIN ENCINARES

Saipan's Hawaiian community perform a number of dances for the crowd. ERWIN ENCINARES

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Fourth place winners Jonathan and Joel Camacho, center, pose for a picture with the judges of the first ever barbecue cookoff.

From left to right: Frank Sablan, Cobjiean Sablan, and Sandra Sablan prepare the ingredients for a titiyas-making demonstration.

Second place winners Francisco Sablan Sr. and Francisco Sablan Jr., center, pose for a picture with the judges.

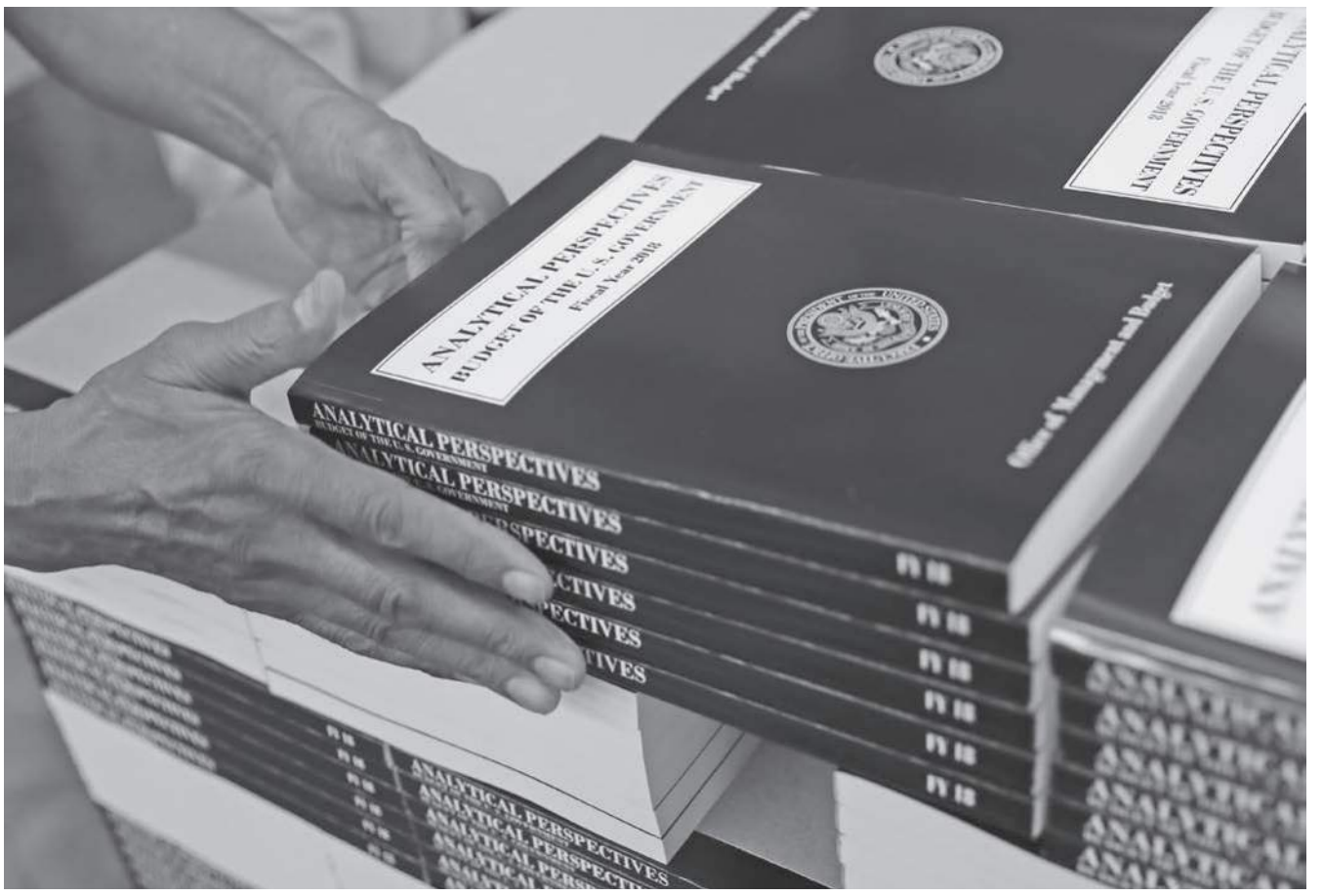
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres poses with the winners of the first-ever barbecue cookoff on Saturday.

Third place winners Chris and Ronald Barahan, center, pose for a picture with the judges.

First place winners Spencer Marchadesch and Angelo Camacho pose for a picture with the judges.

Business

Huge cuts to food stamps part of Trump's budget proposal



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In this photo taken May 19, 2017, a GPO worker stacks copies of "Analytical Perspectives Budget of the U.S. Government Fiscal Year 2018" onto a pallet at the U.S. Government Publishing Office's (GPO) plant in Washington.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump's budget would drive millions of people off of food stamps, part of a new wave of spending cut proposals that already are getting panned by lawmakers in both parties on Capitol Hill.

Trump's blueprint for the 2018 budget year comes out Tuesday. It includes a wave of cuts to benefit programs such as Medicaid, federal employee pensions, welfare benefits and farm subsidies.

All told, according to people familiar with the plan, Trump's budget includes $1.7 trillion over 10 years in cuts from such so-called mandatory programs. That includes cuts to pensions for federal workers and higher contributions toward those pension benefits, as well as cuts to refundable tax credits paid to the working poor. People familiar with the plan were not authorized to discuss it by name and requested anonymity.

Cuts include a whopping $193 billion from food stamps over the coming decade—a cut of more than 25 percent—implemented by cutting back eligibility and imposing additional work requirements, according to talking points circulated by the White House. The program presently serves about 42 million people.

The food stamp cuts are several times larger than those attempted by House Republicans a few years back and comprise the bulk of a 10-year, $274 billion proposal that's labeled as welfare reform.

The fleshed-out proposal follows up on an unpopular partial release in March that targeted the budgets of domestic agencies and foreign aid for cuts averaging 10 percent—and made lawmakers in both parties recoil.

The new cuts are unpopular as well.

"We think it's wrong-headed," said Rep. Mike Conaway, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, when asked about looming cuts to farm programs. "Production agriculture is in the worst slump since the depression—50 percent drop in the net income for producers. They need this safety net," said Conaway, R-Texas.

Trump's budget plan promises to balance the federal ledger by the end of a 10-year window, even while exempting Social Security and Medicare retirement benefits from cuts. To achieve balance, the plan by White House budget director Mick Mulvaney relies on optimistic estimates of economic growth, and the surge in revenues that would result, while abandoning Trump's promise of a "massive tax cut."

Instead, the Trump tax plan promises an overhaul that would cut tax rates but rely on erasing tax breaks and economic growth to end up as "revenue neutral." It would create three tax brackets—10 percent, 25 percent and 35 percent—instead of the current seven.

Source: Ford replaces CEO in push to transform business

DETROIT (AP)—Ford Motor Co. is replacing CEO Mark Fields amid questions about its current performance and future strategy, according to a person familiar with the situation.

CEO Mark Fields is retiring at age 56 after 28 years at the company, says this person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official announcement hasn't been made.

Fields will be replaced by Jim Hackett, who joined Ford's board in 2013, the person says. Hackett has led Ford's mobility unit since last year. He is the former CEO of office furniture maker Steelcase.

As CEO, Fields began Ford's transition from a traditional automaker into a "mobility" company, laying out plans to build autonomous vehicles and explore new services such as ride-hailing and car-sharing. Under Fields, Ford achieved a record pretax profit of $10.8 billion in 2015 after the company's new, aluminum-sided F-150 pickup went on sale.

But there were rumblings that Fields wasn't focusing enough on Ford's core business, as popular products like the Fusion sedan grew dated and Ford lagged behind rivals in bringing long-range electric cars to the market. The stock price sagged, and electric car maker Tesla Inc. even passed the 114-year-old Ford in market value. Ford's stock price has fallen almost 40 percent in the three years since Fields became CEO.

"Mark Fields was given the nearly impossible task of making the utterly conventional auto manufacturer, Ford Motor Company, into a high-tech information-style company with share values to match," said Jack Nerad, the editorial director for the car shopping site Kelley Blue Book. "Despite turning in credible profits, Fields was unable to turn Ford into a stock market darling, and that may well prove elusive going forward."

Hackett is the former CEO of Steelcase Inc., one of the world's largest office furniture companies. He is credited with transforming that company, in part by predicting the shift away from cubicles and into open office plans. But he also cut thousands of jobs and moved furniture production from the U.S. to Mexico to stem massive losses at the company.

Hackett also served as the interim athletic director at the University of Michigan from 2014 to 2016. In that role, he lured star football coach Jim Harbaugh.

Hackett will have to placate investors worried about Ford's sliding U.S. market share and product decisions. Ford's U.S. sales are down this year in part because it doesn't have offerings in popular segments like subcompact SUVs and midsize pickups. Investors also worry that Ford is falling behind its rivals. GM's Chevrolet Bolt electric car, with 238 miles of range, went on sale last year; Ford is working on an electric SUV with 300 miles of range, but it's not due out until 2020.

What to do about spiteful colleague

YOUR OFFICE COACH

By MARIE G. MCINTYRE
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Q: A coworker recently sent me a text that was clearly intended for someone else. In the text, "Brian" stated that dealing with me was "awkward" and that he'd had enough of me to last the rest of his life. This was quickly followed by a second text saying the previous one was misdirected, but it did not contain an apology.

I was both hurt and confused, because I had done nothing to offend Brian. Although he has a long history of throwing people under the bus, he has never done that with me. Brian has been friendly since then, but I'm still upset about his hateful comments. What should I do about this?

A: Given Brian's backstabbing reputation, this stealth attack shouldn't come as a complete surprise. Trashing people is an attention-getting strategy, and you are just his latest victim. Brian might be malicious, narcissistic or simply immature, but regardless of his motives, this is more about him than about you.

As for your next move, you basically have two choices. If you can simply attribute this incident to Brian's dysfunctional personality, perhaps you can let it go. But if his nasty comments continue to reverberate in your brain, then you need to do something about it.

"Doing something" does not mean sending texts or emails, however. Although written communication has now become everyone's default setting, difficult discussions should still take place in person. Instead of launching a verbal counterattack on your spiteful colleague, calmly request that he be more specific.

For example: "Brian, in the text which I mistakenly received, you indicated that working with me was awkward. Since you've been saying that to my coworkers, I would like to know what I can do to reduce the awkwardness in our relationship."

Should Brian offer suggestions, do with those what you will. If he apologetically replies that he was in a bad mood that day, take him at his word and drop the subject. But for your own protection, always remember that Brian is not to be trusted.

Q: The director of our department is driving people away. Ten employees have resigned in the past two months, and two managers left after working here for only a few weeks. They all mentioned the director as their primary reason for leaving, so we would like to tell management about the problems she's creating. How should we bring this up?

A: Since employees are fleeing your department like rats from a sinking ship, one would expect the higher-ups to take notice. But if they are truly oblivious, perhaps your group can provide a wake-up call. To get management's attention, keep the focus on business issues, not your director's challenging personality.

For example: "We're concerned about the number of people who have left our department recently. This turnover has disrupted our work and is also costly for the company. The main issue seems to be Mary's leadership style, so we're hoping that you can help with this problem."

If management is receptive to your concerns, you can offer more detailed information. But if they seem disengaged or indifferent, then it might be time to refresh your own resume.

Nation

Times Square driver says he tried to get mental help

NEW YORK (AP)—A man accused of mowing down pedestrians in Times Square, killing a teenage Michigan tourist and injuring 22 others, said he had been trying to get psychiatric help.

In a jailhouse interview on Saturday, Richard Rojas told the New York Post that he recently spoke to a mental health counselor at a local veteran's center but they never got back to him.

"I was trying to get help," Rojas told the newspaper from Rikers Island. "I wanted to fix my life. I wanted to get a job. Get a girlfriend."

Rojas, who lived with his mother in the Bronx, drove his car Thursday through Times Square, then made a U-turn and steered his car onto a sidewalk, plowing through helpless tourists for three blocks before crashing into protective barriers, police said.

After he was detained, he said he wanted to "kill them all" and that police should have shot him to stop him, a prosecutor said at his court appearance on Friday. They said Rojas also admitted to smoking marijuana laced with PCP sometime before the crash. Officials are awaiting toxicology reports.

"I just want to apologize to all the victims' families ... I want to apologize to my mom," Rojas said tearfully during the interview.

"The last thing I remember is driving in my car," Rojas recalled. "Then, I woke up in the precinct ... I was terrified."

AP
Richard Rojas, of the Bronx, N.Y., appears during his arraignment in Manhattan Criminal Court, in New York, Friday, May 19, 2017.

ACROSS THE NATION

2 children believed to have been shot by mother die

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—Two children who police say were shot by their mother in Ohio last week have died. The Dayton Daily News reports the bodies of the 8-year-old girl and 6-year-old boy were taken from Dayton Children's Hospital to a coroner Sunday night. Police Chief Richard Biehl has said their mother shot the children inside their Dayton home on Thursday and then took them to the front yard, where they were found by police and emergency crews. An 11-year-old who also was home at the time was not hurt. The mother remains in jail. Police say she may have mental health problems. She's scheduled to appear in court on Monday. The county's child welfare agency has said it has a previously existing case involving the family.

Man killed, 2 hurt when powerboats crash in offshore race

POINT PLEASANT BEACH, N.J. (AP)—A crash during a powerboat race at the Jersey shore left one man dead and at least two others hurt, authorities said. The accident occurred Sunday afternoon during a small boat preliminary event in the Point Pleasant Beach Grand Prix. Officials said the Smith Brothers CRC boat was airborne when it came down on top of another boat, the Repeat Offender, in waters off Bay Head, sending three men into the water. David Raabe, who was in the Repeat Offender, was pronounced dead a short time later. The crash occurred at the first turn in the race, officials said. NJ.com reported a witness, Tom Parr, said he was watching the race with his son and realized something was wrong after the first lap. "There were grown adults standing there crying," Parr said. "It's a shame," said another spectator, Pat Kowalonek. "Everyone wanted to have a good time but it turned into a tragic accident. I feel terrible for the driver and the families." The cause of the crash was under investigation. The remaining races on Sunday were canceled after the crash occurred.

FBI investigating whether university stabbing was hate crime

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP)—The FBI is investigating whether the stabbing of a visiting black student by a white student at the University of Maryland was a hate crime, officials said Sunday. Sean Christopher Urbanski has been charged with first- and second-degree murder as well as first-degree assault in the early Saturday morning attack that killed Richard Collins III, police said. University of Maryland Police Chief David Mitchell said he asked the FBI to assist in the investigation after learning that Urbanski, 22, belonged to a Facebook group called "Alt-Reich: Nation," where members post disparaging material about African Americans and others. "We are here to evaluate that as an ongoing concern with respect to whether or not this was a hate crime," Gordon Johnson, special agent in charge of the FBI field office in Baltimore, told reporters at a news conference. No attorney was listed for Urbanski on online court records and a message left at a number listed for his home in Severna Park was not immediately returned Sunday. Collins, 23, who was set to graduate from Bowie State on Tuesday, was visiting friends at the College Park campus when he was stabbed. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army days earlier, Mitchell said.

Texas set to pass transgender bathroom law for schools

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—A transgender "bathroom bill" reminiscent of one in North Carolina that caused a national uproar now appears to be on a fast-track to becoming law in Texas—though it may only apply to public schools.

A broader proposal mandating that virtually all transgender people in the country's second-largest state use public restrooms according to the gender on their birth certificates sailed through the Texas Senate months ago. A similar measure had stalled in the House, but supporters late Sunday night used an amendment to tack bathroom limits onto a separate and otherwise unrelated bill covering school emergency operation plans for things like natural disasters.

Republican Rep. Chris Paddie authored the hotly-debated language, saying it had "absolutely no intent" to discriminate. Under it, transgender students at public and charter schools would not be permitted to use the bathroom of their choice but could be directed to separate, single-occupancy restrooms.

"It's absolutely about child safety," said Paddie, from the East Texas town of Marshall. "This is about accommodating all kids."

His change passed 91-50. Final House approval should come Monday, sending the modified bill to the Senate, which should easily support it. Texas' legislative session ends May 29, but that's plenty of time—even if the bathroom bill is scaled-back enough to only affect the state's roughly 5.3 million public school students, and not the general public.

"This amendment is the bathroom bill and the bathroom bill is an attack on transgender people," said Rep. Joe Moody, an El Paso Democrat. "Some people don't want to admit that because they are ashamed, and this is shameful."

A small group of Democratic women legislators went into the men's restroom just off the House floor before debate began in protest. With Republicans enjoying solid majorities in both of Texas' legislative chambers, though, such opposition was purely symbolic.

Houston Democratic Rep. Senfronia Thompson, one of the House's longest-serving and most-respected members, likened the new language to when restrooms nationwide were segregated by race.

"Bathrooms divided us then and bathrooms divide us now. Separate but equal is not equal at all," Thompson said, drawing floor applause.

While Barack Obama was still president, the U.S. Department of Education tried to implement requirements that school districts nationwide allow transgender students to choose campus bathrooms or locker rooms they wished to use. Texas led a lawsuit challenging that directive and a federal judge in Texas ordered it suspended. President Donald Trump then rescinded the order in February.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has said he wants to sign a bathroom bill into law. House Speaker Joe Straus, a Republican from San Antonio, has been even more vocal opposing one—saying it could hurt a Texas economy that has been among the country's strongest in recent years.

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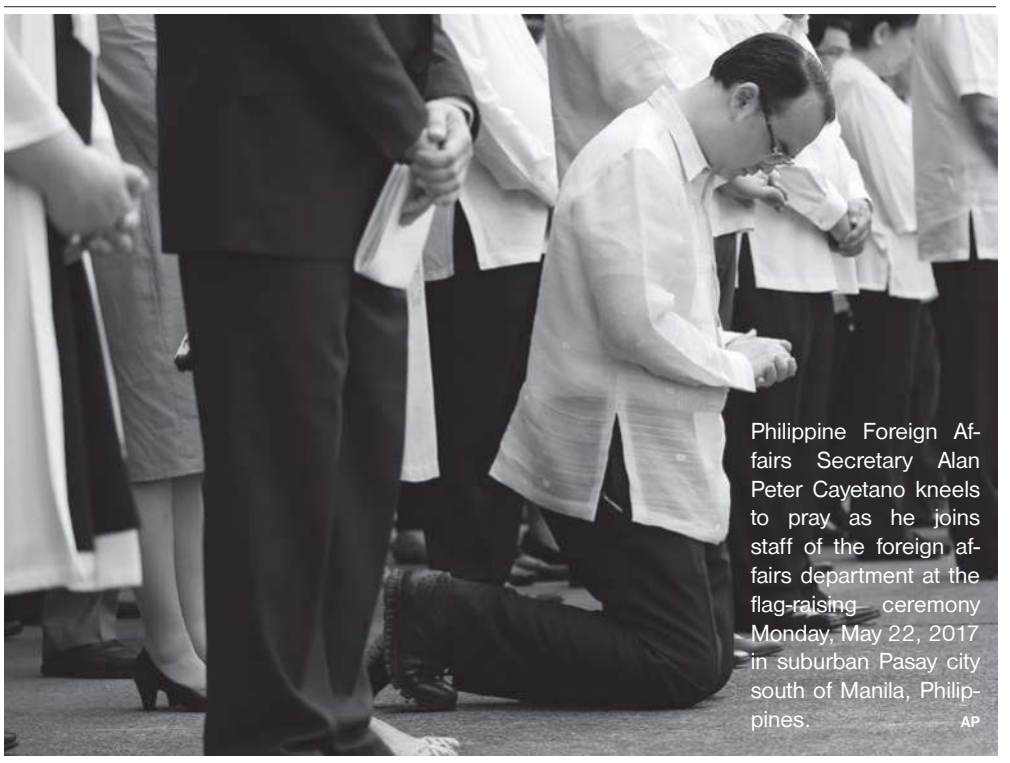

Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano kneels to pray as he joins staff of the foreign affairs department at the flag-raising ceremony Monday, May 22, 2017 in suburban Pasay city south of Manila, Philippines. AP

Philippine exec downplays alleged China war threats

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines' top diplomat sought Monday to downplay President Rodrigo Duterte's pronouncement that Chinese President Xi Jinping told him China would go to war with Manila if it insists on drilling for oil in the disputed South China Sea, saying they were not threatening each other but talking about preventing conflict.

Foreign Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano told reporters there was no bullying and the context of frank talks last week in China — the details of which he said he could not discuss —"was on how to avoid conflict" and "how to increase trust and mutual respect."

"There was no language or even tone that would lead any of the two presidents to believe that there was disrespect for them or their country," he said.

Cayetano said Duterte apparently talked about his meeting with Xi just to respond to a barrage of criticisms that he has been soft on China and has refused to raise the Philippines' arbitral victory last year that invalidates most of China's claims in the South China Sea.

He said that after his return next week from a trip to Russia with Duterte he will explain the context of the two leaders' exchange to lawmakers and a Supreme Court justice, who have urged the Philippines to file a diplomatic protest over the alleged war threats and to ask the United Nations to demand that China comply with the arbitral ruling.

"My interpretation in the meeting is that there was no bullying or pushing around or it wasn't a threat," Cayetano said.

He said Duterte is committed to "protect every single inch of our territory" and Filipinos should trust him on how he will do it.

Duterte said in a speech late Friday at a coast guard event in southern Davao city that he raised the Philippines' arbitral victory against Chinese territorial claims in the South China Sea and told Xi Manila intends to drill for oil there.

"I said when we were face-to-face, 'That is ours and we intend to drill oil there.' No beating around the bush," Duterte said. He said the reply was: "Well, we are friends. We do not want to quarrel with you. We would want to maintain the present warm relationship. But if you force the issue, we will go to war."

N. Korea says ready to deploy, mass produce new missile

TOKYO (AP)—North Korea says it's ready to deploy and start mass-producing a new medium-range missile capable of reaching Japan and major U.S. military bases there following a test launch it claims confirmed the missile's combat readiness and is an "answer" to President Donald Trump's policies.

The solid-fuel Pukguksong-2 missile flew about 500 kilometers (310 miles) and reached a height of 560 kilometers (350 miles) Sunday before plunging into the Pacific Ocean. North Korea's media said more missiles will be launched in the future.

Trump, traveling in Saudi Arabia, had no immediate public comment.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ordered the launch and watched from an observation post, state media reported Monday. The Korea Central News Agency said the test verified technical aspects of the weapon system and examined its "adaptability under various battle conditions" before it is deployed to military units.

Kim reportedly said the launch was a success, "approved the deployment of this weapon system for action" and said that it should "be rapidly mass-produced."

North Korea has significantly speeded up its missile tests over the past year or so and appears to be making tangible progress toward developing an arsenal that poses a threat not only to South Korea and Japan - which together host about 80,000 U.S. troops—but also toward an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of reaching the mainland United States.

It's moving ahead with its nuclear weapons program as well.

The North conducted two nuclear tests last year. It claims one was a hydrogen bomb and the other device created a more powerful explosion than any the North has previous tested. Satellite imagery suggests it could be ready to conduct its next test—which would be its sixth—at virtually any time.

Pyongyang's often-stated goal is to perfect a nuclear warhead that it can put on a missile capable of hitting Washington or other U.S. cities.

North Korea's media, meanwhile, have stepped up their calls for even more missile launches because of what Pyongyang claims is an increasingly hostile policy by President Donald Trump.

World

With hopes for peace uncertain, Trump to visit Israel

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Having declared that finding a solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict is "maybe not as difficult as people have thought," President Donald Trump will make his first visit to Israel with few concrete ideas of solving a problem that has vexed presidents for decades.

Trump, fresh off two days in Saudi Arabia, will journey to Jerusalem on Monday and his stay will include separate meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Trump also planned to visit the Holocaust memorial Yad Vashem and the Western Wall, an important key Jewish holy site.

While hosting Abbas at the White House in March, Trump boldly stated that achieving peace is "something that I think is, frankly, maybe not as difficult as people have thought over the years."

"But we need two willing parties," he continued. "We believe Israel is willing. We believe you're willing. And if you both are willing, we're going to make a deal."

White House aides have tried to play down expectations for significant progress on the peace process during Trump's stop, casting it as more symbolic than substantive. Yet Trump may still need to engage in some delicate diplomacy following revelations that he disclosed highly classified intelligence Israel obtained about the Islamic State group with top Russian officials, without Israel's permission.

Israel also has expressed concern about the $110 billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia that Trump announced Saturday in Riyadh. Yuval Steinitz, a senior Cabinet minister and Netanyahu confidant, called Saudi Arabia "a hostile country" and said the deal was "definitely something that should trouble us."

Trump has handed son-in-law Jared Kushner and longtime business lawyer Jason Greenblatt the assignment of charting the course toward a peace process. The White House-driven effort is a sharp shift from the practice of U.S. previous administrations that typically gave secretaries of state those reins.

Trump's first overseas trip as president comes as the dynamics between the United States and the region's players are moving in unusual directions.

While Israeli officials cheered Trump's election, some are now wary of the tougher line he has taken on settlements: urging restraint but not calling for a full halt to construction. Trump has also retreated from a campaign pledge to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, bending to the same diplomatic and security concerns as other presidents who have made similar promises.

Palestinians, who viewed Trump's victory with some trepidation, are said to have been pleasantly surprised by Trump's openness during a recent meeting with Abbas in Washington.

WORLD BRIEFS

Reformists sweep Tehran municipal vote as Rouhani wins Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Reformist candidates have reportedly swept municipal elections in the Iranian capital, taking all 21 seats in Tehran as moderate President Hassan Rouhani won a second term. Iranian state television reported Monday that Mohsen Hashemi Rafsanjani, a son of the influential late former President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, won more than 1.7 million votes to come in first among the candidates. The result means reformists can replace Tehran Mayor Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, who had been a presidential candidate before withdrawing to support hardline cleric Ebrahim Raisi. Iranian municipal councils choose mayors and decide on budgets and development projects. Iranian media reports suggest reformists won big in other areas as well. Rouhani, a cleric whose administration struck the 2015 landmark nuclear deal with world powers, decisively won a second term in Friday's election.

Nigerian troops battle Boko Haram in Lake Chad area

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)—Nigerian troops fought Boko Haram in the Lake Chad area on Saturday, killing 13 of the Islamic extremists and arresting 10 others, including six women believed to have helped smuggle supplies to the insurgents, an army spokesman said. Meanwhile witnesses said four civilians out hunting for food near a displacement camp in the northeast were beheaded by suspected Boko Haram militants. Soldiers from the 8 Task Force Battalion spent 72 hours clearing the location where the Boko Haram fighters were hiding, said battalion spokesman Col. Timothy Antigha. Many other Boko Haram fighters were wounded by gunfire, he said. The troops, operating in the Chikun Gudu, Tumbuma Karami and Tumbuma Baba areas recovered three AK 47 rifles and one pump-action rifle, assorted rifle magazines and 306 rounds of ammunition, a tool box, a freezer and a Toyota truck, he said.

Brazilians call for president to resign after graft charges

SAO PAULO (AP)—Brazilians around the country staged demonstrations Sunday calling for their president to step down after the supreme court opened an investigation into allegations he endorsed the payment of hush money to a jailed former lawmaker. The accusations against President Michel Temer have plunged Latin America's largest nation into crisis yet again, sending its currency and stocks plummeting and stalling a series of reforms designed to pull the economy out of a protracted recession. It's been just a year since Temer took over as president following the impeachment and removal of his predecessor, Dilma Rousseff. Now, the calls are growing for Temer himself to be impeached or resign. The latest to join that chorus was Brazil's bar association, which voted late Saturday to submit a request for Temer's impeachment to Congress. On Sunday, several hundred people huddled under umbrellas and building porticos to avoid the rain in Sao Paulo as they called for Temer to leave office. Many said they have opposed Temer since he took over from Rousseff because they regard her impeachment as politically motivated and illegitimate. On Sunday, they were protesting Temer's proposals to loosen labor laws and change the pension system as much as they were responding to the recent allegations.

Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW:

Hyundai Elantra Sport

holds its own against Honda Civic, Mazda3

By ROBERT DUFFER
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

TNS
The 2017 Hyundai Elantra Sport.

Spring weekends: When dreams of race tracks and winding backwoods roads come crashing down under the domestic weight of lawn care and countless family chores. Such obligations can feel less obligatory if you have a fun enough car.

The Hyundai Elantra Sport is fun enough.

The Elantra has long been a best buy for being roomy, fuel-efficient, and well equipped at under $20,000. The challenge for the Sport is to distinguish itself enough from its namesake while not daring to take on value performance benchmarks such as the Golf GTI or Subaru WRX, which cost at least 10 to 15 percent more on average.

The compact Sport sedan is more of a consideration against the Mazda3 Grand Touring or Honda Civic Touring, and costs about $1,500 less.

It retains its value despite being the priciest of three Elantra models, which includes the $17,150 base model with a 2-liter turbo four, or the $20,650 Eco with a 1.4-liter turbo that gets 40 mpg highway. To stay competitive in this contracting compact segment, Hyundai redesigned the 2018 Elantra GT hatchback to hit dealer lots this summer.

The Sport is not just some badging and fancy flourishes. It comes with 18-inch wheels and a dual exhaust that buff up its edges. The rocker panels on the doors are more pronounced, and the hexagonal grille extends at its widest point into horizontal LEDs.

The long wheelbase and low stance reminded us of the Subaru Impreza. The Galactic Gray paint is like a mood ring, mercurial under cloud cover, brash in daylight, sleek at night. Getting in and out of it in a crowd evoked a modest sense of pride — it's sharp without being flashy.

The biggest change over the pokey Elantra is the turbocharged engine, which boosts torque from 132 to 195 pound-feet. There's plenty of punch, without hitting sport mode. Turbo lag from a stop takes some getting used to, but otherwise the throttle is responsive. Sport mode delays shifts on the seven-speed dual-clutch transmission. The transmission is smooth but gets a little muddled the harder you hit the throttle. Using the more responsive paddle shifters gave us a chirp or two going into second. We didn't get to test the six-speed manual ($1,100 less), which would have given us a better idea of how it stacks up against the lovely Mazda3.

Handling on the Sport is crisp, without the roll of the Sentra SR. It handles closer to the Mazda3 than the Civic, which is larger, comfier, but not as fun to drive. The flat-bottomed sport steering wheel feels good in the hands, though the steering doesn't pick up everything from the road. There was some minor torque steer — the steering wheel pulled to the left when flooring it from a stop.

On the highway, the Sport stretches out in a quiet, efficient ride. At 60 mph, we averaged 34 mpg.

The blacked-out interior complements the sense of looks good, feels better. Seat bolstering is firm without being tight, and the black leather everywhere has subtle red stitching showing an attention to detail. There's plenty of room for 4 adults.

A few years ago, Hyundai's Blue Link infotainment system was one of the best mainstream models. It hasn't changed much, so it's starting to lag behind the competition. It relies too much on the touch screen. The navigation buttons are narrow and the screen layout and defaults take some getting used to. Voice commands are slow to respond. Apple CarPlay is better across the board.

The Elantra Sport holds its own in a crowded class of well-appointed compacts, priced just below the competition. It's a comfortable highway cruiser and nimble around town.

NUTS & BOLTS

2017 HYUNDAI ELANTRA SPORT AT A GLANCE

- Vehicle type: Compact sedan
- Base price: $22,750
- As tested: $25,275
- MPG: 26 city, 33 highway, 29 combined
- Engine: 1.6-liter turbo four-cylinder
- Transmission: Seven-speed dual clutch automatic
- Parting shot: Still a value play in sporty, well-appointed compacts

MOTORMOUTH:

Vinyl wraps make for versatile alternative to new paint

By BOB WEBER
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Q: I'm looking to get my Mustang repainted. Not sure whether to go for a regular paint job or a vinyl wrap for the car. It would be in a solid color. Don't know how the wrap would hold up as far as getting dings or scratches on it. Also, don't know if it would fade much from the sun. I would welcome your response as opposed to someone trying to sell me the vinyl wrap.

— T.B., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

A: We think that vinyl wraps are way cool. At the 3M Innovation Center in St. Paul, Minn., we helped wrap a BMW with a carbon fiber look and it was awesome. Wraps actually protect the original paint and make sense on new as well as used cars. When you get weary of it, the wrap is easily removed, reverting to your original paint. Wraps are durable and provide the graphics for many commercial vehicles.

Q: I have a 2015 Subaru Forester with the continuously variable transmission. The owner's manual says to inspect the fluid every 30,000 miles. Various dealers have said either the transmission is sealed and needs no service for the life of the transmission or I can change the fluid if I want. Inspection of the fluid costs $200 as does the changing of the fluid. Past vehicles I have owned had regular automatic transmissions and I change the fluid every 30,000 miles. I have concerns about not changing the fluid in the CVT. What do you think I should do?

— K.B., Elinda, Ohio

A: We suggest you follow the advice in your owner's manual. The CVT in your vehicle is expected to need no service for life unless you punish it by towing a yacht. It has a 10-year, 100,000-mile warranty that just might be voided if a shop does a bad job of changing the fluid. Actually, there is more risk of damage from contamination during a fluid change than there is from leaving things alone.

Q: I have a 2005 Honda Odyssey with 83,000 miles. The dealer recommended changing the timing belt, tensioner and water pump at a cost of around $925. My manual says to change it at 90,000 miles. What to do?

— J.W., Warminster, Pa.

A: Changing the timing belt sooner rather than later could avoid expensive engine damage. Sure, you may be able to extend the service out to 100,000 miles, but it would be a false economy. Bite the bullet and have the job done.

Q: I have a 1997 4WD Suzuki Sidekick with 99,000 miles. Looks new and runs well. The owner's manual and door decal indicate tire pressure be set at 23 psi. Mechanics I have spoken to say the tire pressure should be 32 psi. I have compromised and set it at 28 psi. What is the correct pressure for the vehicle?

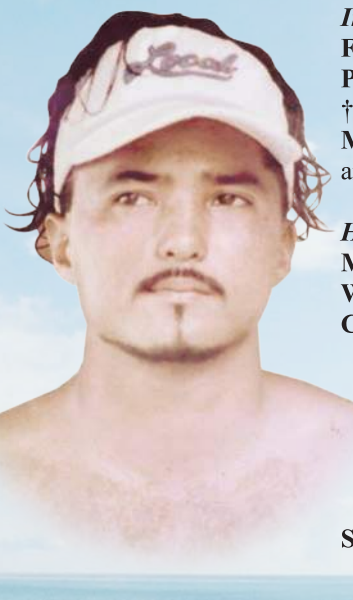
— P.L., Northbrook, Ill.

A: The manufacturer would not waste money printing door jamb stickers if it didn't want you to fill the tires to that pressure.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

† Ian Napu Fleming Ikehara

FEBRUARY 9, 1973 – MAY 12, 2017



In His new life, he now joins his:
Father: †Dwight Ian Ikehara
Paternal Grandparents: †Isaac Isamu & †Betty Shimizu Ikehara of Hawaii
Maternal Grandparents: †Alfred Flores and †Rosalia Aldan Fleming of Tinian

His memories will live in the hearts of His:
Mother: Ellen Fleming Ikehara
Wife: Tesa Lyn Borja Ikehara
Children: Ian Peter Dela Cruz & Brittani Blas
Irene D.C. Santos & Joseph Santos (Isaiah, Irieana, Illias)
Francisco Dwight Borja Ikehara
Toshiro Kekoa Borja Ikehara
Sister: Lei Lani Ikehara & Scott Tucker Wakeham (Ina)

Ian will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church, Garapan. Daily Mass is also offered on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday, Saturdays, and Sundays at 6:00 a.m. at San Jose Church, Tinian. On May 25, 2017, Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. at San Jose Church, Tinian.

With love and prayers,

The Family

Life & Style

Drake breaks Adele's record at Billboard Music Awards

Hello, Drake has surpassed Adele's record at the 2017 Billboard Music Awards on Sunday, picking up 13 awards.

Adele set a record at the show in 2012 with 12 wins. The rapper, who walked into the show Sunday with 22 nominations, won top artist, top male artist and top Billboard 200 album ("Views"), among others, at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

"I got my whole family up here," said Drake, who stood onstage with nearly two dozen people, including his father, Lil Wayne and Nicki Minaj.

Drake was presented the top artist award by Prince Jackson, the late Michael Jackson's eldest son. Drake beat out Beyonce, Justin Bieber, Rihanna, Adele, Ariana Grande, the Weeknd, twenty one pilots, Shawn Mendes and the Chainsmokers for the top prize. Of those nominees, only Drake and the Chainsmokers attended the Billboard Awards.

But other big names showed up.

Cher, who received the Icon award, sang her dance anthem "Believe" in a glittery number that included pasties and blonde hair with pink tips. She later changed to a huge, curly black 'do—and wore a black sheer bodysuit and leather jacket for "If I Could Turn Back Time." Her performance had the audience on its feet, singing and dancing.

Drake accepts the top artist award at the Billboard Music Awards at the T-Mobile Arena on Sunday, May 21, 2017, in Las Vegas. AP

"I wanted to do what I do since I was 4 years old and I've been doing it for 53 years," said Cher, who turned 71 on Saturday. "And I can do a five-minute plank. Just saying."

"I think luck has so much to do with my success with a little bit of something thrown in," she added.

Korean boy band BTS, who won top social artist, earned one of the night's loudest ovations. Another highlight was Celine Dion.

In a beautiful, Met Gala-ready white gown, she belted out "My Heart Will Go On," the Oscar-winning song from "Titanic." The film is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. John Legend and Florida Georgia Line also had a shining moment when they sang a duet version of the country duo's soft hit, "H.O.L.Y."

Dan Reynolds of the rock band Imagine Dragons led a moment of silence for Chris Cornell, who died Thursday. He called the Soundgarden and Audioslave singer "a true innovator," ''a musical architect," ''a prolific songwriting" and "a legendary performer"—as a large photo of Cornell singing with his eyes closed was displayed behind him.

"We send our respects as well as our love to Chris' family at this time," Reynolds said.

Miley Cyrus sang her breezy new single, "Malibu," delivering a sound and muted style that marked a departure from the hits that made her a pop star years ago. She was teary eyed at the end of the performance.

"And for the first time in years with pants on," Noah Cyrus, standing next to father Billy Ray Cyrus, introduced her older sister, who was wearing white shorts and a cowboy hat.

Minaj kicked off the show with an explosive nine-minute performance of her hit songs alongside her mentor Lil Wayne and frequent collaborator David Guetta. She recently broke Aretha Franklin's record for most songs placed on the Billboard Hot 100 chart by a female artist.

Co-host Vanessa Hudgens impersonated Minaj's rap style at the top of the show, and it was the first of the many good moments for the actress and singer Sunday night. Hudgens, who hosted with Ludacris, also sang Dion's "I'm Your Lady" and wowed with her fashion choices. Even Drake noticed her, saying she looked "incredible."

Beyonce and twenty one pilots each won five awards, while the Chainsmokers—who tied Drake with 22 nominations—won four awards, including top Hot 100 song for "Closer" with Halsey.

WINNERS' LIST

A list of winners in the top categories at the 2017 Billboard Music Awards, held Sunday at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

- Top artist: Drake.
- Top Hot 100 song: The Chainsmokers featuring Halsey, "Closer."
- Top Billboard 200 album: Drake, "Views."
- Top female artist: Beyonce.
- Top male artist: Drake.
- Top new artist: Zayn.
- Top duo/group: twenty one pilots.
- Top collaboration: The Chainsmokers featuring Halsey, "Closer."
- Top R&B artist: Beyonce.
- Top rap artist: Drake.
- Top country artist: Blake Shelton.
- Top rock artist: twenty one pilots.
- Top Latin artist: Juan Gabriel.
- Top dance/electronic artist: The Chainsmokers.
- Top Christian artist: Lauren Daigle.
- Top gospel artist: Kirk Franklin
- Top social artist: BTS.
- Top touring artist: Beyonce.
- Chart achievement award: twenty one pilots.
- Icon award: Cher.

'Alien: Covenant' edges 'Guardians' at weekend box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Alien: Covenant" edged out "Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2" in a weekend space battle at the box office.

Ridley Scott's latest "Alien" exploit opened with $36 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday. "Guardians" was close behind with just over $35 million in its third week of release.

"You couldn't get two outer-space operas that are more different in terms of point-of-view and execution," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for ComScore.

Fox's "Alien: Covenant" is a dark, R-rated scare-fest about slimy, parasitic space monsters; Disney's "Guardians" is a sweet, family-centered romp across the cosmos.

"'Alien' is sort of the dark side," Dergarabedian said. "It's the R-rated yin to 'Guardians' PG-13-rated, fun yang."

Two other new releases landed in the top five. Warner Bros.' teen romance "Everything, Everything" debuted in third place with $12 million, and Fox's "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul," opened in fifth with $7.2 million.

"Snatched," Amy Schumer and Goldie Hawn's R-rated comedy from Fox, fell to fourth place in its second week of release with $7.6 million.

"Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2" provided a solid launch to the summer movie season with more than $300 million in domestic ticket sales so far, Dergarabedian said, though overall grosses are running about 10 percent behind last summer's totals.

Still, May is following a typical pattern, he said. Marvel movies kick off the month, which ends with Memorial Day tent poles like next weekend's "Baywatch" and "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. **"Alien: Covenant,"** $36 million ($30.3 million international).
2. **"Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2,"** $35.1 million ($28 million international).
3. **"Everything, Everything,"** $12 million.
4. **"Snatched,"** $7.6 million ($3.3 million international).
5. **"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul,"** $7.2 million.
6. **"King Arthur: Legend of the Sword,"** $6.8 million ($27.7 million international).
7. **"The Fate of the Furious,"** $3.2 million ($7.2 million international).
8. **"The Boss Baby,"** $2.8 million ($5.1 million international).
9. **"Beauty and the Beast,"** $2.4 million ($5.2 million international).
10. **"How to Be a Latin Lover,"** $2.2 million ($2.2 international).

Clint Eastwood tells Cannes he might act again some day

CANNES, France (AP)—Clint Eastwood regaled the Cannes Film Festival on Sunday with stories from his long career, predicted a possible return to acting and decried the rise of political correctness.

Eastwood

Eastwood was honored with several screenings of his films, including one marking the 25th anniversary of "Unforgiven." In a staged conversation on Sunday, the 86-year-old director said he would revisit acting "someday."

The last time Eastwood appeared on screen was 2012's "Trouble With the Curve." Before that, he starred in his own 2008 film, "Gran Torino."

Eastwood didn't talk about current political events, but while discussing his then-controversial 1971 film "Dirty Harry," he waded into a topic he's touched on before: so-called political correctness.

"A lot of people thought it was politically incorrect," Eastwood said of "Dirty Harry." ''That was at the beginning of the era that we're in now, where everybody thinks everyone's politically correct. We're killing ourselves by doing that. We've lost our sense of humor."

Sofia Coppola's remake of Don Siegel's 1971 film "The Beguiled," which starred Eastwood, is to premiere this week in Cannes, but Eastwood sounded unfamiliar with Coppola's movie.

He's currently preparing to direct "The 15:17 to Paris," about the foiling of a 2015 Islamic State group attack on a train heading to the French capital from Brussels.

Three Americans, two of them off-duty members of the military, contributed to the subduing of the gunman. Eastwood said the film suited today's "strange times."

Festival-goers mobbed Eastwood's talk. Warner Bros. executives, including studio head Kevin Tsujihara, sat in the front row. Much of the conversation, moderated by Los Angeles Times film critic Kenneth Turan, touched on Eastwood's attitudes about moviemaking.

"If you have good luck with your instincts, you might as well trust them," Eastwood said. "It's an emotional art form. It's not an intellectual art form at all."

Adam Sandler earns raves at Cannes Film Fest (yes, really)

CANNES, France (AP)—It's not every day you hear the name "Happy Gilmore" referenced at the Cannes Film Festival.

But that was the case Sunday when Noah Baumbach's "The Meyerowitz Stories (New and Selected)," starring Adam Sandler, Ben Stiller and Dustin Hoffman, premiered at the French Riviera festival.

When the film's cast, which also includes Emma Thompson, assembled for a press conference, the moderator noted this was the second film that Sandler and Stiller have made together after that classic 1996 comedy.

"I just think it's cool to hear 'Happy Gilmore' mentioned at the Cannes," Stiller chuckled.

Worlds often collide at the Cannes Film Festival, even between broad comedy and international art house pieces.

But while Sandler is far from a Cannes regular, the comedian was the toast of the festival Sunday, earning some of the best reviews of his career for his performance as a recently divorced father and the unappreciated son of Hoffman's aging artist, the patriarch of a neurotic, dysfunctional New York family.

AP

Actors Dustin Hoffman, left, and Adam Sandler pose for photographers during the photo call for the film The Meyerowitz Stories at the 70th international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Sunday, May 21, 2017.

"The Meyerowitz Stories" premiered in competition for the Palme d'Or—the festival's coveted top prize.

For many, Sandler's sensitive, rumbled performance recalled some of his rare dramatic turns, like in "Punch Drunk Love" or "Spanglish."

Sandler first came to Cannes in 2002 with "Punch Drunk Love," directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, and he was clearly excited to be back.

"It's different for a comedian to get an offer like this," said Sandler. "My first thought is I don't want to let anyone down."

Sandler described his joy at reading Baumbach's script.

"I was misty-eyed, laughing," said Sandler. "I just couldn't believe we were going to do this movie."

Stiller and Sandler play halfbrothers of very different temperaments in the film, a relationship that culminates in both fisticuffs and tender connections. For the two actors, friends since their early 20s, it was a poignant experience.

"Adam and I have known each other for years and years," said Stiller. "This was a really special experience, having a chance to connect with him like this. Where we're at in our lives personally, it was a chance for us to really get closer than we've been before. Playing brothers, it was really like one of the best experiences I've had."

"Me too, buddy," chimed Sandler.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Prince Harry brings girlfriend Meghan Markle to wedding fest

LONDON (AP)—Privacy-hungry Prince Harry was nearly able to bring his American girlfriend to Pippa Middleton's private wedding reception without being photographed. Nearly. Actress Meghan Markle did not attend the church ceremony Saturday in rural England at which Middleton married financier James Matthews, but she did attend the evening reception. She and Harry were photographed driving up to Middleton's parents' estate for the lavish soiree, which was off-limits to the press. One photo, published Sunday on the front page of The Sun newspaper, showed Harry at the wheel of an Audi with Markle by his side. Harry, 32, has been dating Markle since last year. He confirmed the relationship in November when he complained about intrusive press coverage. The 35-year-old Markle plays ambitious paralegal Rachel Zane in the hit U.S. television drama "Suits."

Facebook CEO, wife celebrate 5th anniversary with Maine hike

MILLINOCKET, Maine (AP)—Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife Priscilla Chan have spent a day hiking around Mount Katahdin in Maine and talking with local residents on their anniversary weekend. Zuckerberg said they met Saturday with former mill workers, teachers, small business owners, a librarian and a trucker in the town of Millinocket. He said in a Facebook post that he was struck by their commitment to rebuild their community after the closing of paper mills that once drove the local economy. Zuckerberg has been traveling the country with a goal of visiting all 50 states. He and his wife were in Bangor for their fifth wedding anniversary Friday before continuing north to the Katahdin region. He posted a photo of his wife sporting a "Got Moose?" baseball cap.

Rebel Wilson's defamation trial against publisher begins

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—Rebel Wilson's lawyer says his client was devastated by a series of magazine articles the actress says painted her as a liar and subsequently cost her roles in Hollywood. Wilson is suing Australian publisher Bauer Media for defamation over several articles published in 2015 that the Australian-born actress said led to her film contracts being terminated. The trial began in the Supreme Court of Victoria on Monday. Wilson's lawyer, Matthew Collins, said his client was "cut to the core" when she learned 1.5 million people had read an article online that said she had lied about her name, age and upbringing in Australia. Collins said the articles were published to coincide with a high point in Wilson's acting career.

Winfrey extols life of 'inner truth' at Skidmore graduation

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (AP)—Oprah Winfrey advised graduates at Skidmore College to follow their "inner truth" and live a spiritual life during a commencement speech Saturday in upstate New York.

The author, actress and former talk show host spoke at the graduation in Saratoga Springs, where one of the more than 600 members of the Class of 2017 included a student who had attended her Leadership Academy.

The media mogul opened the academy in 2007 for poor girls in South Africa.

Winfrey is speaking at another commencement Sunday at Smith College, a women's liberal arts school in Northampton, Massachusetts. Another one of her Leadership Academy alumna will be receiving a degree there.

After receiving an honorary doctorate of letters in the arts from the private liberal arts college during the ceremony held at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Winfrey lectured graduates on some of the secrets to her success.

"I have been so blessed to live inside the dream of God," she said, noting that she has learned to follow her "inner truth" in career decisions going back more than three decades.

"It's a big, bad world out there," she advised, but encouraged the graduates by adding: "There is nothing more powerful than you using your personality to serve the calling of yourself."

Lawyer's petition to help friend study is dismissed

DEAR ABBY: I have a close friend, "Samantha," whom I met in law school four years ago. We both graduated in 2014. I have passed the bar exam, and so have all our friends from school, but Samantha has not.

She was in a bad relationship back in school and planned to marry the guy. That fell apart, and she's now dating a guy who seems to be pretty great. Samantha has failed the bar exam twice now, and I know she's smart enough to pass. I have offered encouragement, to help her study and critique her practice essays, but she has refused.

I want to find a way to get through to her that it's OK to ask for help. I'd like to suggest that maybe she should put the new boyfriend on hold for a while as she studies for the next exam. I know it will be hard for her and most likely embarrassing, but I am her friend, and I want her to get what she worked so hard for.

CHEERING HER ON IN BROOKLYN, N.Y.

DEAR CHEERING: You are a caring and well-meaning friend, but Samantha has refused your generous offer. While you may wish she'd put her romance on hold until she passes the bar, it's possible her emotional needs are greater than you understand. If you want to retain her friendship, back off and let her find her own way through this, or you may wind up driving her away.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is being married at a resort hotel where the bridal party and spouses, several relatives and friends will be spending the night. This resort has an upscale restaurant on site.

My husband and I are spending a lot on this wedding already. Must we also host a morning-after wedding brunch for everyone staying at the hotel and for other guests who have flown in from out of town (who may be staying at other hotels in the area)? Please advise!

BRUNCH FOR A BUNCH

DEAR B.F.A.B.: There are no formal rules regarding post-wedding brunches. Usually they are hosted by the bride's or groom's family or friends. However, if paying for the brunch would strain your budget, consider inviting your guests to a "no host" brunch at a restaurant that's less expensive than the one at the hotel.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 60-year-old semi-retired widower living in central Florida. On hot days (hot, humid days are abundant in central Florida in the summer), I have taken to wearing a kilt. The kilts are the most comfortable garments I have ever owned.

Most folks are tolerant hereabouts, but I do get some odd looks. I say it is my right to be comfortable and to heck with the (very few) snickers I get while riding the bus, at the library, post office or grocery store. Abby, am I normal or just a bit nuts?

ODD LOOKS IN FLORIDA

DEAR ODD LOOKS: I don't think it's "nuts" to want to be comfortable. If wearing a kilt provides the ventilation you need to feel comfortable, I say more power to you. However, I would not classify you as normal because most people prefer to just blend in, and what you're doing is unusual.

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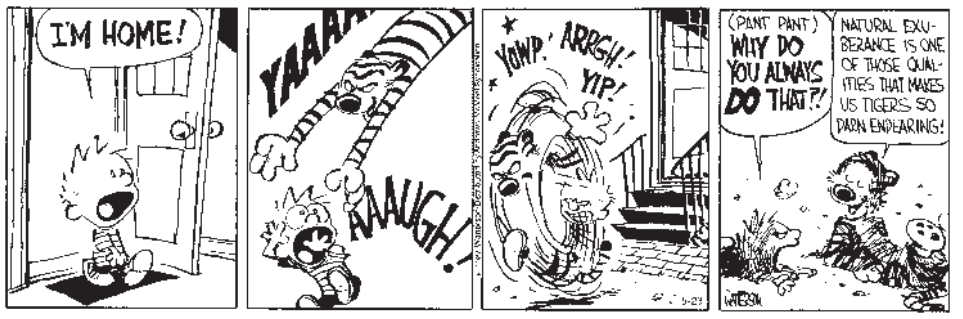
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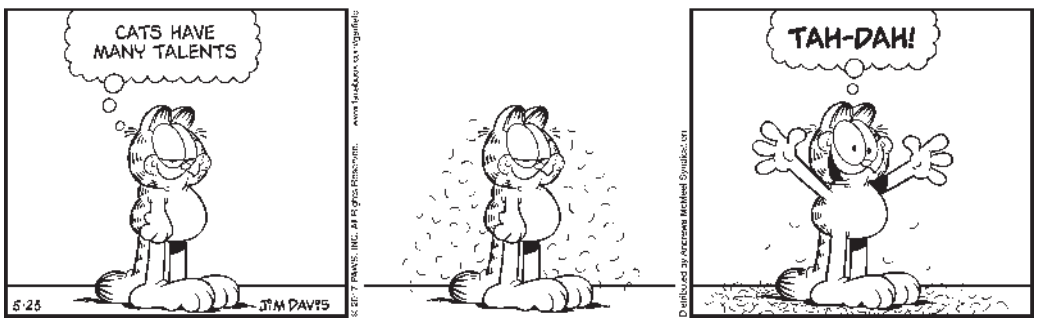

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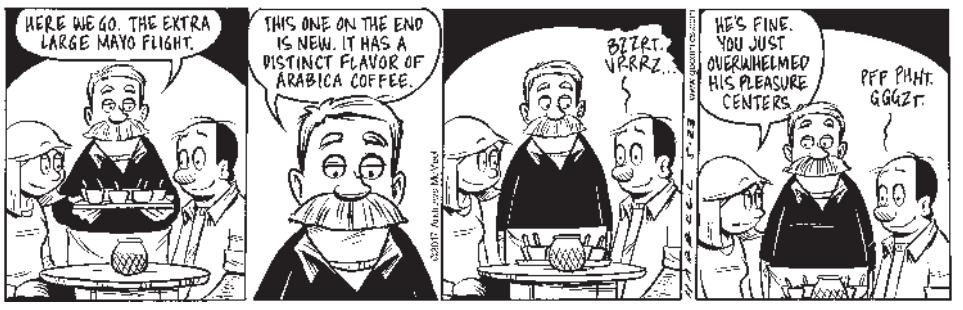
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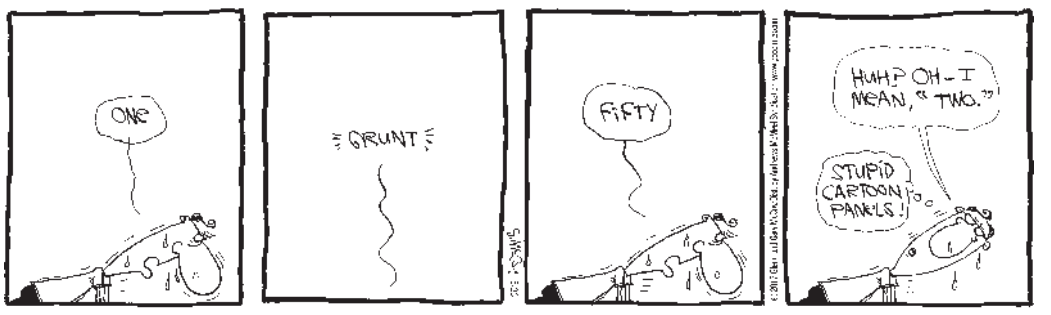
By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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Happy Birthday: Intensify your search for truth, justice and future goals. Put together a plan that will encourage you to stop procrastinating and start doing. Imagine what you want to accomplish and the most practical ways to move forward. If you are unrealistic, you will lose interest. Start small and let your ideas evolve naturally into something big. Your numbers are 2, 8, 17, 21, 28, 36, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Use the knowledge, wisdom and experience you've accumulated in order to plunge into new territory and master new tricks. What you set out to do will surprise onlookers and may inspire people to copy you. Personal gains look promising. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Use emotion as a way to get others to come on board and help you achieve. Taking on some extra work will encourage others to follow suit. Be the leader and push for collective accomplishments and you will be compensated. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Change will excite you. Participate and see what's being offered. You'll learn something valuable about appearances and how important it is to put together a solid plan for action if you wish to be taken seriously. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Look on the bright side of any situation you face and do the right thing. Your peace of mind is worth whatever it takes to make amends or turn a wrong into a right. Don't fuss over trivial matters. Choose the positive route. ✪✪

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By DAVID OUELLET

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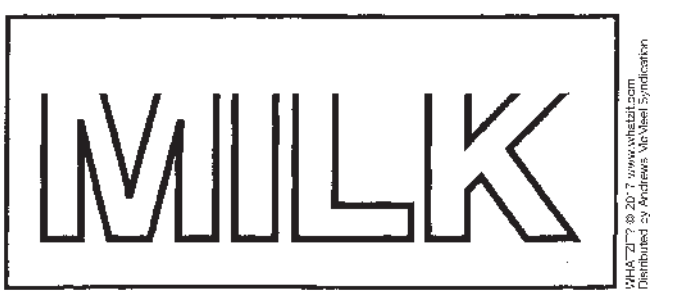

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Bradley hits last-second shot, Celtics stun Cavs, 111-108

CLEVELAND (AP)—Leprechauns are imaginary. Celtic pride is very real.

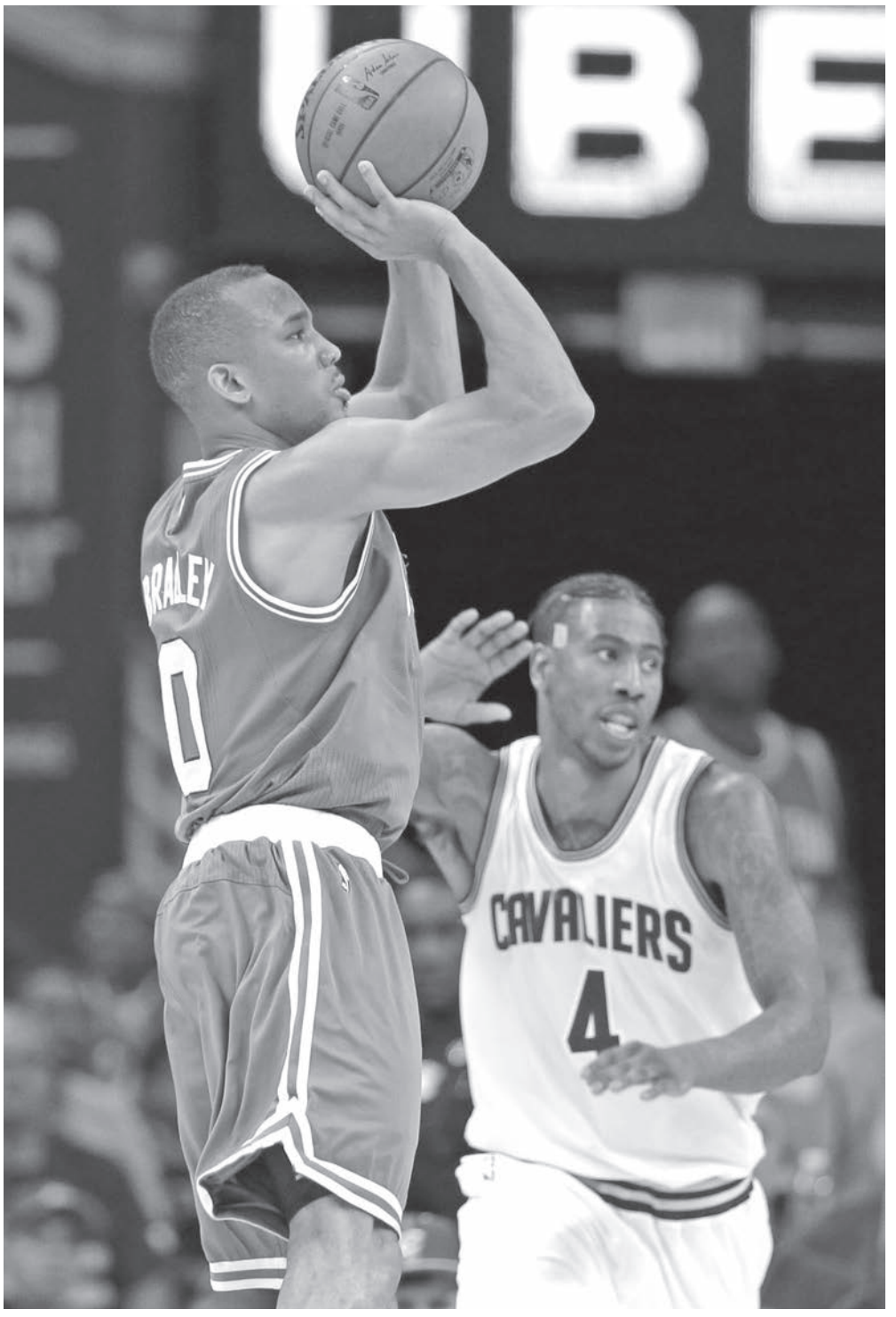
Avery Bradley's 3-pointer danced on the rim and dropped with less than a second left and Boston, blown out in the first two games of the Eastern Conference finals and playing without star Isaiah Thomas, stunned the Cleveland Cavaliers 111-108 on Sunday night in Game 3 to end the champions' 13-game postseason winning streak.

Bradley's shot from the left wing—off a play designed by coach Brad Stevens—bounced on the rim four times before going down. It capped a furious, focused comeback by the Celtics, who trailed by 21 in the third quarter before rallying to tighten up a series that appeared to be over.

"Wide-open look," Bradley said. "Al (Horford) did a great job of getting me open and Marcus (Smart) made a great pass and I was able to knock down the shot."

Smart, who started in place of Thomas, made seven 3-pointers and scored 27 points, and Bradley had 20 for the Celtics, who were given little chance after losing by 44 in Game 2 and then losing Thomas for the rest of the postseason because of a hip injury.

"Everybody had to step up their game tonight especially with one of our brothers down," Smart said. "Our love and support goes out to Isaiah. We wish he could be here but we understand. We just kept fighting. Everybody did their part."



AP

Boston Celtics' Avery Bradley (0) shoots over Cleveland Cavaliers' Iman Shumpert (4) during the second half of Game 3 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals, Sunday, May 21, 2017, in Cleveland.

Kyrie Irving scored 29 points, and Kevin Love had 28 for Cleveland. The Cavaliers dropped to 10-1 in the postseason with their first loss since Game 4 of last year's Finals.

Game 4 is Tuesday night in Cleveland.

LeBron James had one of the worst games of his postseason career, finishing with 11 points and six turnovers.

"I didn't have it," said James. "You let a team like that grab momentum you almost knew a shot like that was going in."

Still, the Cavs were in control leading 77-56 in the third quarter after making 14 3-pointers in the first half. But Cleveland got complacent, Smart got hot and the Celtics, who arrived at Quicken Loans Arena on Sunday morning for their shootaround without Thomas and looking somewhat defeated, never gave up.

"We decided were going to go out and play hard, swinging." Bradley said. "We never counted ourselves out."

The Celtics caught the Cavs at 95-all on Smart's 3-pointer and then matched the James and Co. basket for basket in the final minutes in one of the most entertaining games of what has been a mostly boring postseason.

Boston's Jonas Jerebko's baseline jumper put the Celtics ahead 108-106 with 30 seconds left before Irving scored on a drive to tie it with 10.7 seconds left.

Following a timeout, the Celtics perfectly executed a play drawn up by Stevens and worked the ball to Bradley, who found himself open and then calmly knocked down a shot that goes straight into Celtics lore.

For Cleveland, the loss was a wake-up call on their march toward a possible third straight Finals and a seemingly inevitable rematch with Golden State. The Cavs had been playing a glorified game of H.O.R.S.E. with the Warriors, who are undefeated and can complete a sweep of San Antonio on Monday night.

The Cavs hadn't lost since Game 4 of last year's Finals, and they came in tied with the 1988-89 Los Angeles "Showtime" Lakers for the longest winning streak in postseason history.

With Thomas back home, the Celtics could be forgiven for feeling down after Thomas, their inspirational leader was shut down with a hip injury he first sustained in March.

However, Stevens liked his team's energy leading up to tipoff and felt confident they would play hard.

"Our guys are itching to play," he said. "Obviously, we're here for a reason, and we've got tough-minded, competitive guys who have largely been guys that have had to really earn their way up in this league."

They earned their way back into the series.

LeBron struggles, exchanges words with fan after Game 3 loss

CLEVELAND (AP)—LeBron James' frustrating night kept going after one of the worst playoff games of his splendid career.

James exchanged words with a fan late Sunday night after the Boston Celtics stormed back from a 21-point deficit in the third quarter and shocked the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals.

As he walked down a hallway inside Quicken Loans Arena to the postgame news conference, James, who scored just 11 points and only one in the final 18 minutes, was heckled by the fan for his sub-par outing. James spun around and asked the man to repeat himself.

Security ushered the fan away from James, who then went to the podium and was blunt in assessing a very uncharacteristic game for the NBA's best all-around player.

"I had a tough game, period," he said. "Not just in the second half. Me, personally, I didn't have it. My teammates did a great job of keeping us in the game, building that lead. But me, personally, I didn't have it. That's all I've got to say about my performance."

There wasn't much to gush about, that's for sure.

James didn't score in the fourth quarter and went only 1 for 8 from the field with one rebound and one assist in the second half.

It was James' lowest point total in the playoffs since he scored seven for Miami in the 2014 conference finals against Indiana, and before Boston's comeback, James was 49-0 in playoff games his team led by at last 20 points.

Making it more staggering is that James has been so brilliant in this postseason, taking his exquisite game to an even higher level.

He had scored at least 30 points in eight consecutive playoff games, the first player to do that since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1970, and there didn't seem to be anything the Celtics could do to stop him.

AP

Cleveland Cavaliers' Kyrie Irving (23) gets off a shot between Boston Celtics' Kelly Olynyk (41) and Jae Crowder (99) during the second half of Game 3 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals, Sunday, May 21, 2017, in Cleveland.

But James went just 4 of 13 from the field, missing all four 3-pointers. He had six rebounds and six assists, but also committed six turnovers, including a costly miscue down the stretch when his pass was stolen by Jae Crowder.

"He's human, so he's going to have a night like this," said Cavs coach Tyronn Lue. "He didn't shoot the ball well, and we still had a 20-point lead. A game we should have won, but they played hard. They scrapped. They have a scrappy team. We knew that coming into tonight. We knew it wouldn't be easy, but we got some things we can correct and come back ready to go on Tuesday (in Game 4)."

The Celtics, who were blown out by 44 points at home in Game 2, won despite being without star guard Isaiah Thomas. His season is over because of a hip injury, and although he's not around, his presence was felt by his teammates who rallied to keep their season alive.

James was eager to break down film of the game on Monday, but he was able to recall much of what Boston did right.

"They moved the ball, and they kept us at bay," he said. "We couldn't get stops. We couldn't get out in transition a lot. Those guys made plays. They made a lot of plays. They got some second-chance points. We only had two fast-break points, so they neutralized what we wanted to do."

The loss snapped Cleveland's 10-game winning streak in this postseason and a 13-game run dating to Game 4 of last year's Finals.

James, who is trying to win his seventh consecutive conference title, tried to find a silver lining on an otherwise forgettable night.

"Some adversity is all part of the postseason," he said. "I feel like you have to have some type of adversity in order to be successful. If it was going to happen, let it happen now; let us regroup. Let us regroup and all the narrative and everything that was going on, let's regroup and let's get back to playing desperate basketball, which they did tonight. So we've got to be a lot better, for sure."

Strasburg strikes out season-high 11, Nats top Braves

ATLANTA (AP) — A strong start by Stephen Strasburg provided much-needed relief for Washington's drained bullpen. Then Koda Glover made a convincing pitch to be the Nationals' closer.

Strasburg struck out a season-high 11 and kept up his recent domination of the Atlanta Braves, leading Washington to a 3-2 win Sunday that stopped the Nationals' four-game losing streak.

"I felt like whatever I called, it was going to be good," catcher Jose Lobaton said.

Strasburg (5-1) allowed five hits in 7 2/3 innings, his longest start of the season.

"We were hoping he'd go deep, deep, deep into the game, which he did," Nationals manager Dusty Baker said.

Strasburg beat Atlanta for the second time this season and improved to 7-1 in his last nine starts against the Braves. He is 10-8 overall against Atlanta.

Glover got four outs for his third save.

"Right now he's the most durable," Baker said of Glover's status among closer candidates. "He wants it and we're willing to give it to him if he keeps doing the job."

Baker said another option, Shawn Kelley, was not available.

Strasburg reached double digits in strikeouts for the second time this season after fanning 10 Braves on April 20. Three of Strasburg's strikeouts came against Matt Adams, who made his Atlanta debut.

Adams was 0 for 4 and hit into a ninth-inning double play, a day after he was acquired from St. Louis. Matt Kemp led off the ninth with a single, and Adams hit a line drive that was caught by Ryan Zimmerman , who stepped on first base.

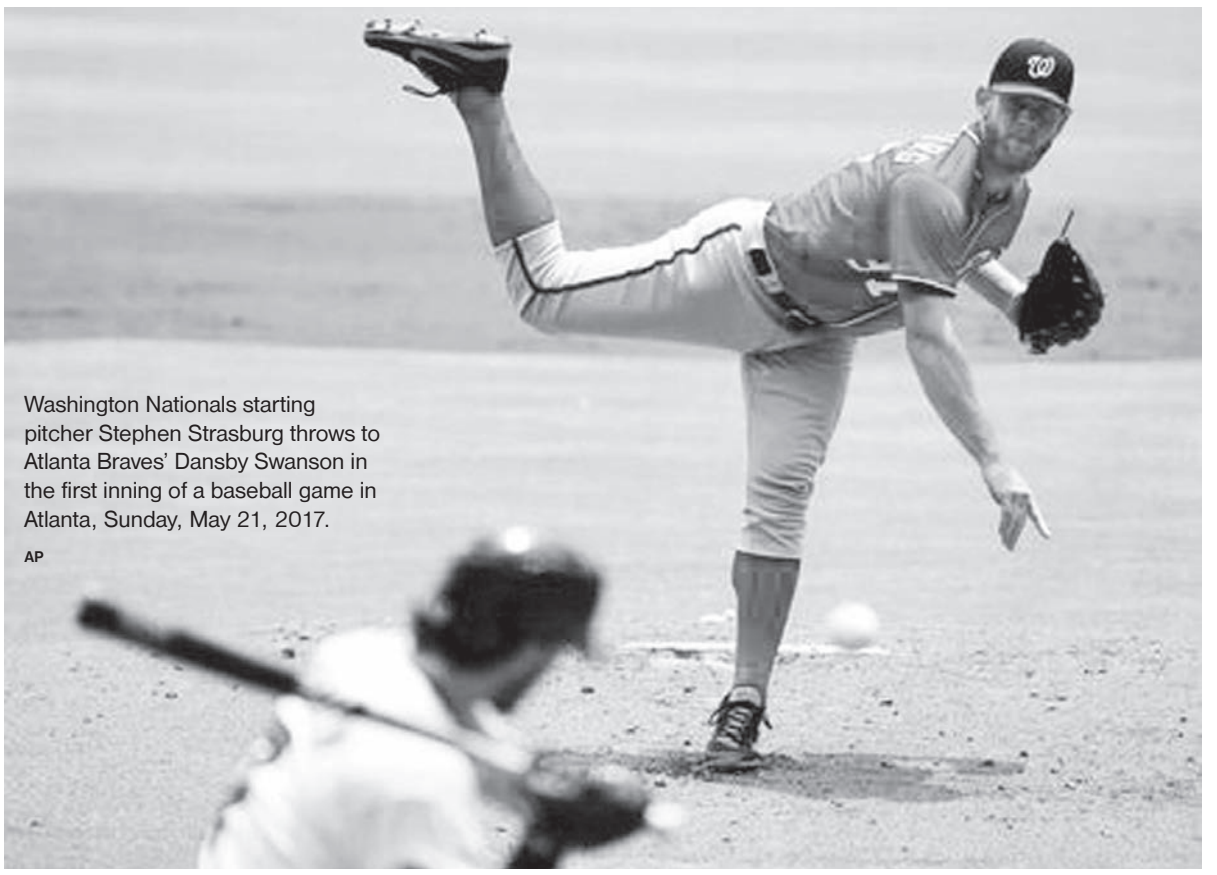
"I don't know if he missed a spot all day until the end," Snitker said of Strasburg. "We could have had Hank (Aaron) and (Dale) Murphy in the lineup and it wouldn't have mattered today. He was that good."

Strasburg faded in the eighth, when Dansby Swanson hit a two-run double. Glover struck out Nick Markakis to end the inning and finished the six-hitter.

Daniel Murphy hit a second-inning homer off Jaime Garcia (1-3) and the Nationals added two unearned runs in the third.

"They gave me some runs early and after that I was just trying to put together as many shut-down innings as I could," Strasburg said.

Washington took a 3-0 lead in the third following fielding errors by Markakis in right and Garcia. Bryce Harper had a run-scoring single.



Washington Nationals starting pitcher Stephen Strasburg throws to Atlanta Braves' Dansby Swanson in the first inning of a baseball game in Atlanta, Sunday, May 21, 2017.

AP

Yankees 3, Rays 2

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Brett Gardner hit his eighth home run, one more than this 2016 total, and CC Sabathia won consecutive starts for the first time since last June to help New York avoid a three-game sweep.

Rookie Aaron Judge made a full extension diving backhand catch on the right field warning track in the sixth to rob Evan Longoria of a tying extra-base hit, starting a double play that doubled up Corey Dickerson at first.

Didi Gregorius had four hits, including an RBI single, as New York won for just the fourth time in 11 games.

Sabathia (4-2) allowed two runs and four hits in five-plus innings, and Dellin Betances got four outs for his second save.

Chris Archer (3-3) struck out a season-high 12, giving up three runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Angels 12, Mets 5

In New York, Mike Trout homered, doubled and drove in three runs, C.J. Cron hit a grand slam and Los Angeles built a 9-0 lead by the third inning as it avoided a three-game sweep. Andrelton Simmons and Jefry Marte also homered for the Angels.

Matt Reynolds, Curtis Granderson and Jay Bruce hit home runs as the Mets tried to rally.

Cron's long slam highlighted a five-run first, and Trout hit his 14th homer and Marte followed with a home run in the second that brought the withdrawal of Tommy Milone (1-2), who tied a career high by allowing eight runs.

Jesse Chavez (4-5) gave up five runs in 5 2/3 innings.

Royals 6, Twins 4, 1st game; Twins 8, Royals 4, 2nd game

In Minneapolis, Robbie Grossman, Max Kepler and Chris Gemenez all homered to help the Minnesota salvage a split of the doubleheader.

Grossman and Kepler each hit two-run homers in the first inning, and Brian Dozier had an RBI double in the second off Ian Kennedy (0-4) in his first game back from the disabled list.

Minnesota's offense helped left-hander Adalberto Mejia (1-1) earn his first career big league win. Mejia was the Twins' 26th active player for the second game and allowed three runs in seven innings, on two home runs by Salvador Perez—who also went deep in the first game.

In the first game, Brandon Moss hit two of Kansas City's four home runs, and Perez and Jorge Bonifacio each hit two-run homers.

Mike Minor (1-1) pitched 1 1/3 innings to win for the first time since Aug. 28, 2014. Minor, a 29-year-old left-hander who missed two seasons with a shoulder injury, relieved Jake Junis with a 5-2 lead in the fifth, two outs and two on. He walked Max Kepler, retired Kennys Vargas on a pop-out then pitched a perfect sixth.

Kelvin Herrera pitched a one-hit ninth for his ninth save.

Phil Hughes (4-3) gave up five runs and six hits—including three homers—in four innings.

Blue Jays 3, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, Marco Estrada (3-2) matched his career high with 12 strikeouts in 7 2/3 innings, Devon Travis hit a three-run homer and Toronto prevented a three-game sweep with its second win in nine games against Baltimore this season.

Travis connected in the first inning off Wade Miley (1-2) following a two-out error and a single.

Joe Smith struck out Chris Davis with two on in the eighth, and Roberto Osuna got three outs for his sixth save.

Indians 8, Astros 6

In Houston, Yan Gomes homered and tied a career high with five RBIs as Cleveland completed a three-game sweep.

Gomes' third-inning homer off Joe Musgrove (3-4) gave the Indians a 3-1 lead, and Cleveland added three more runs in the fourth. The Indians are 5-1 against Houston this season, dealing the Astros two of their three series losses.

Danny Salazar (3-4) yielded three runs and four hits in 5 2/3 innings with seven strikeouts.

Rockies 6, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, rookie pitcher Kyle Freeland hit one of Colorado's four solo homers off Bronson Arroyo (3-4) and Colorado improved the NL's best record to 28-17.

Freeland (5-2) gave up four runs—three earned—in 5 2/3 innings. Joey Votto and Scott Schebler homered off him in the sixth.

Freeland doubled and hit his first major league homer off Arroyo (3-4), connecting on a 71 mph pitch for a drive to right field. Carlos Gonzalez, DJ LeMahieu and Pat Valaika also had solo shots off Arroyo, who has given up 15 homers.

Greg Holland remained perfect in 19 save chances.

Cincinnati has lost eight of nine, with none of its starters going more than 5 1/3 innings.

Pirates 1, Phillies 0

In Pittsburgh, Chad Kuhl and four relievers combined on a three-hitter and Pittsburgh scratched out the only run of a rainy game when David Freese was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Philadelphia starter Aaron Nola (2-1) returned from the disabled list and gave up four hits in seven innings.

Wade LeBlanc (3-0) pitched 1 1/3 innings to win in relief. Juan Nicasio and Felipe Rivero got the ball to Tony Watson, who earned his 10th save.

Cardinals 8, Giants 3

In St. Louis, Matt Carpenter homered and Randal Grichuk drove in four runs for St. Louis, which stopped a four-game skid. San Francisco had won seven of eight.

Adam Wainwright (4-3) allowed one run and five hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Matt Cain (3-2), who gave up seven runs and nine hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Cubs 13, Brewers 6

In Chicago, Kris Bryant homered twice and reached base in all five plate appearances, Anthony Rizzo and Ben Zobrist also went deep, and Willson Contreras went 3 for 3 with three RBIs.

Jake Arrieta (5-3) allowed one unearned run over six innings.

Milwaukee's Eric Thames left in the fifth with leg cramping. Chase Anderson (2-1) yielded six runs and seven hits in four-plus innings.

Red Sox 12, Athletics 3

In Oakland, California, Mitch Moreland homered in his third consecutive game, a two-run drive in the sixth off starter Andrew Triggs (5-3) that landed in the second deck. Boston avoided a four-game sweep.

Eduardo Rodriguez (3-1) allowed three runs and struck out eight in eight innings.

Hanley Ramirez and Christian Vazquez had three hits apiece.

Oakland's three errors raised its total to a major league-leading 42.

White Sox 8, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Yolmer Sanchez had a two-run single in Chicago's five-run first inning, and Derek Holland (4-3) gave up six hits in eight innings.

Tim Anderson had three hits and two RBIs for the White Sox.

Nelson Cruz hit his 11th home run for the Mariners, who have lost three straight.

Seattle starter Chris Heston (0-1), recalled from Triple-A Tacoma before the game to make his first major league start since Oct. 2, 2015, was roughed up for seven runs and seven hits in three innings. He walked the bases loaded in the first before giving up four straight hits.

Dodgers 6, Marlins 3

In Los Angeles, Brandon McCarthy (4-1) retired his first 14 batters before Derek Dietrich's double and allowed one run and three hits in six innings.

Adrian Gonzalez had three RBIs and his first three-hit game of the season for the Dodgers. Yasmani Grandal had three hits, including a pair of doubles.

Vance Worley (0-1) made his Marlins debut and allowed three runs and six hits in four innings.

Padres 5, Diamondbacks 1

In San Diego, Clayton Richard (3-5) pitched a five-hitter and struck out six in his fourth career complete game as San Diego ended a five-game losing streak.

The 33-year-old Richard also had an RBI single during a three-run, fifth-inning rally off Zack Godley (1-1) that was cut short due to fan interference.

Rangers 5, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Mike Napoli homered to the camera platform beyond center field, helping Yu Darvish beat Detroit yet again.

Darvish (5-2) has won all seven of his starts against the Tigers, although this one was a bit of a struggle. He allowed two runs and five hits in five innings, but Napoli put the Rangers ahead 3-2 with his solo shot in the fifth off Matthew Boyd (2-4).

Pete Kozma also went deep for Texas, and the Rangers shut down Detroit after Darvish exited. Relievers Alex Claudio and Sam Dyson allowed one hit apiece, and Keone Kela pitched a perfect ninth for his first save.

Ian Kinsler homered for the Tigers.

Nelson's Four Seasons finale: Horschel over Day in playoff

AP
Billy Horschel hits off the fairway on his approach to the 15th green during the final round of the Byron Nelson golf tournament, Sunday, May 21, 2017, in Irving, Texas.

IRVING, Texas (AP)—Billy Horschel had missed four straight cuts when he arrived at TPC Four Seasons, a course he was never particularly fond of.

After winning the last AT&T Byron Nelson scheduled at the Irving resort, Horschel now wishes he could have the chance to come back.

While his 18-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole Sunday stopped just short, Horschel won with a par when Jason Day pulled his 4-foot par putt left and past the hole.

"When I hit it I knew it was on a perfect line and I thought I got it to the hole. ... I just wanted to finish it off there," Horschel said. "I didn't expect him to miss it. I was expecting to go back to the tee and play the hole again."

Instead, the playoff wrapped up the Nelson's 35th and final tournament in Irving. The event shifts next year to the new links-style Trinity Forest Golf Club south of downtown Dallas.

In his only two previous Nelsons, in 2011 and 2012, Horschel missed the cut at 13 over through 36 holes both times. With a closing 1-under 69 on Sunday, including a 60-foot birdie putt at the 14th hole, Horschel matched Day (68) at 12-under 268 for a playoff.

"It's sad that it's leaving because I was never a fan of this course, but came here and now I am," Horschel said. "I won, and I don't want to leave."

Third-round leader James Hahn finished a stroke back after shooting 71. He just missed a miraculous eagle at the 18th hole that would have gotten him in the playoff with his playing partners - threesomes were used after early morning rain delayed the start Sunday.

Day, who got the first of his 10 PGA Tour victories at the 2010 Nelson, had the lead alone only once, when he pitched in from 78 feet from the rough by the greenside bunker at the 477-yard 15th. He was there after two horrible shots, a tee shot way right and the approach that set up an awkward stance.

But at the par-5 573-yard 16th, the easiest hole at TPC Four Seasons, Day's wayward tee shot hit a spectator. After making sure the woman was OK, he hit an approach that settled pin-high on the green, but a 9-foot birdie chance curled by the hole.

"I only had one top 10 up to this point. To be able to play the way I did today, I played some good solid golf," Day said. "It's a little disappointing, but it's not the first tournament I'm going to lose. ... I feel good about my game."

Horschel also got to the 16th green in two, and two-putted from 44 feet for a tying birdie. He and Day parred the last two holes, though Horschel had a longer but similar putt at No. 18 in regulation that also come up just short.

Earlier this season, Horschel was eliminated from a five-man playoff at the RSM Classic when he narrowly missed a birdie putt on the first extra hole, then shockingly missed a 2-foot putt.

"I know that feeling," Horschel said about Day's unexpected playoff miss. "I told Jason it's not the way I wanted to win. I know it's not the way he wants me to win."

Horschel's fourth PGA Tour victory, which earned him $1.35 million, was his first since taking the 2014 Tour Championship for the FedEx Cup title.

Hahn almost got to 12 under when his approach from 122 yards at the 18th hit on the green, spun back and skimmed over the edge of the cup. He made the 4-foot birdie putt to finish alone in third, one stroke ahead of Jason Kokrak.

Kokrak went into the weekend with a five-stroke lead, the largest ever after 36 holes at the Nelson, before weekend rounds of 72 and 70.

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nesia's Kaleo Kihleng (52), fellow SSC swimmer David Boyer (48), Tsunami Guam's Kai Aricayos (26), and Manhoben's Miguel Jugo (9) in the 17 to 18 age group.

Besides Villacrusis, Akimaru, and Boyer, five other SSC swimmers joined the two-day tournament and three of them made it to the Top 3.

In the boys 11 to 12 age group, Jinnosuke Suzuki totaled 68 points to finish at close second behind Tsunami Saipan's Juhn Tenorio (72), while Taiyo Akimaru came in at No. 7 after recording 32 points. Sixteen swimmers were entered in the division.

In the 13 to 14 age category, Jinju Thompson and Lennosuke Suzuki placed second and third, respectively. Thompson was awarded 59 points to finish ahead of Manhoben's Angel'Lea Aguilar (44), FSM's Kestra Kihleng (41) and Manukai Athletic Club's Ella Fedenko (38) and Sameha Wilbanks (21). Tsunami Saipan's Aika Watanabe and Tsunami Guam's Roxanne Mikel collected 68 points each to rule the girls 13 to 14 division.

In the boys field, Lennosuke gained 53 points to finish third behind Tsunami Guam's Jimi Hendrix (72) and Ken Hasegawa (68). Lennosuke won over 10 other swimmers who competed in the division, including SSC teammate Taiga Sato (40 points, tied for the No. 6 spot with Tsunami Guam's Louis Entera).

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A.J. Sanchez was in scoring position with one out, but remained at third when the next two batters went down. In the first, the Comets had a slim chance to hit the board when Norita fanned out Zeph Limes and Reid Teregeyo and Nakamura flied out to second base.

The Comets' misfortunes continued in the fourth inning as they were done after only three batters, while the Falcons added two more runs off a wild pitch and the former's error at home plate for a 9-0 advantage and a step closer to the finals. The pennant champions went on to seal a slot to this weekend's title match as they frustrated the Comets anew at the top of the fifth inning and Aven Evangelista gave the Falcons their 10th run at the bottom off a stolen base. The Comets failed to score in the fifth inning despite having pinch-runner Limes at third base with two outs as Justin Magofna was beaten to first base for the third out.

The Comets and the Falcons fought for the first finals berth in the Junior League division after finishing in the Top 2 in the regular season. While the Falcons advanced, the Comets were relegated to the loser's bracket and were scheduled to meet the winner of the Braves-Enforcers playoff game for the second and last finals ticket last Sunday. Results of neither matches were unavailable at press time and will be reported once the score sheets are obtained from league officials.

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Hariharan also prevailed in straight sets in his two games in the qualifier to move into the main draw. He first defeated South Korea's Ji Hwan Ryu, 6-0, 6-0, last Sunday, and then outclassed Japan's Kanata Abe yesterday, 6-4, 6-2. Hariharan's compatriot, Thaker, eked out a 7-6 (6), 7-6 (6) win over Thailand's Nitthikorn Changchroenkul before sweeping Australia's Tomi Perica, 6-3, 6-2, to complete the main draw cast.

In the main draw of the boys singles, Chinese-Taipei's Yi Jui Lo and Australia's Stefan Storch are the Top 2 seeds, while the six CNMI players are unseeded in the Grade 5 tournament that offers Juniors ITF world ranking points.

Steven Goodwin, a wild card entry, will be up for a tough task in the first round as he challenges the No. 2 seed Storch at the lower half of the draw. Also playing at the bottom half of the 32-player field are Colin Ramsey and Moris Villanueva who will duel Hong Kong's Man San Chan and Japan's Hiroki Fujita, respectively.

At the top half of the draw, Robbie Schorr will face Hong Kong's Chun Ho Chow, Michael Ren takes on India's Mann Shah, Ken Song meets Macau's Kun Teng Tche, and Vincent Tudela squares off against Hong Kong's Pak Hong Chan.

In the girls singles, Malika Miyawaki and Maria Gregoire are at the upper half of the draw and paired against Japan's Miko Kozaki and Kaho Nieda, respectively, in the Round 1 matches. At the lower half, Tania Tan will also collide against a Japanese foe in Mua Shigeta, while Isabel Heras will battle the Otoha Aoki, also from Japan. Grace Cho has a Chinese-Taipei opponent in Yu Hua Cheng.

Besides the singles competition, this week's tournament will also feature doubles games and draws and pairing won't be available until tonight. The Grade 5 event will award 30 ranking points to the singles champion, 20 to the runner-up, and 15, 10, and 5 to the semifinalists, quarterfinalists, and losers in Round of 16, respectively. In the doubles, the champions will get 20, 15 to the runners-up, and 10 and 5 to the semifinalists and quarterfinalists, respectively.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

BYRON NELSON SCORES

IRVING, Texas (AP)—Scores Sunday at the Byron Nelson, a PGA Tour event at the 7,166-yard, par 70 TPC Four Seasons Resort.
Fedex Cup points in parenthesis.
(x-won on first playoff hole)

Final Round

x-Billy Horschel (500), $1,350,000	68-65-66-69—268
Jason Day (300), $810,000	68-69-63-68—268
James Hahn (190), $510,000	64-70-64-71—269
Jason Kokrak (135), $360,000	66-62-72-70—270
Byeong Hun An (96), $263,438	68-66-69-69—272
Bud Cauley (96), $263,438	67-67-68-70—272
Danny Lee (96), $263,438	70-70-64-68—272
Sean O'Hair (96), $263,438	67-69-68-68—272
Joel Dahmen (73), $195,000	68-70-68-67—273
Matt Kuchar (73), $195,000	66-71-67-69—273
Nick Taylor (73), $195,000	69-73-66-65—273
Cameron Tringale (73), $195,000	66-68-67-72—273
Chad Campbell (55), $136,500	68-67-68-71—274
Jason Dufner (55), $136,500	69-68-65-72—274
Tony Finau (55), $136,500	75-65-65-69—274
Dustin Johnson (55), $136,500	67-67-71-69—274
Marc Leishman (55), $136,500	68-71-68-67—274
Jamie Lovemark (48), $108,750	72-66-68-69—275
Louis Oosthuizen (48), $108,750	69-70-66-70—275
Sung Kang (39), $78,214	69-68-69-70—276
Patrick Reed (39), $78,214	70-69-69-68—276
Kyle Reifers (39), $78,214	69-69-66-72—276
Kevin Tway (39), $78,214	71-70-64-71—276
Sergio Garcia (39), $78,214	73-65-64-74—276
Scott Piercy (39), $78,214	68-69-66-73—276
Scott Stallings (39), $78,214	72-66-66-72—276
Keegan Bradley (27), $49,922	74-67-68-68—277
J.J. Henry (27), $49,922	68-69-69-71—277
Morgan Hoffmann (27), $49,922	69-66-72-70—277
Willy Wilcox (27), $49,922	70-67-70-70—277
Ryan Armour (27), $49,922	67-69-69-72—277
Grayson Murray (27), $49,922	72-63-68-74—277
Ryan Palmer (27), $49,922	71-68-68-70—277
Patrick Rodgers (27), $49,922	72-70-69-66—277
Scott Brown (19), $36,975	71-67-65-75—278
Ernie Els (19), $36,975	69-71-70-68—278
Smylie Kaufman (19), $36,975	71-67-71-69—278
Ian Poulter (19), $36,975	70-71-68-69—278
Jhonattan Vegas (19), $36,975	66-68-75-69—278
Zac Blair (12), $25,605	69-68-72-70—279
Jason Bohn (12), $25,605	68-70-70-71—279
Charley Hoffman (12), $25,605	72-69-66-72—279
John Huh (12), $25,605	67-72-68-72—279
Michael Kim (12), $25,605	68-71-69-71—279
Michael Putnam (12), $25,605	71-68-69-71—279
Daniel Summerhays (12), $25,605	70-71-70-68—279
Nick Watney (12), $25,605	73-67-70-69—279
Boo Weekley (12), $25,605	73-65-71-70—279
Gary Woodland (12), $25,605	70-68-68-73—279
Dominic Bozzelli (8), $18,090	70-70-72-68—280
Brian Gay (8), $18,090	72-70-67-71—280
Billy Hurley III (8), $18,090	69-71-71-69—280
Brooks Koepka (8), $18,090	67-69-70-74—280
Sebastian Munoz (8), $18,090	69-69-71-71—280
Tom Hoge (6), $17,175	72-70-69-70—281
Ollie Schniederjans (6), $17,175	72-70-68-71—281
Seamus Power (6), $16,875	69-69-72-72—282
Brett Stegmaier (6), $16,875	69-72-71-70—282
Ricky Barnes (5), $16,575	64-75-72-72—283
Rod Pampling (5), $16,575	69-67-72-75—283
Ryan Brehm (4), $16,050	73-68-72-71—284
Beau Hossler, $16,050	70-68-71-75—284
Peter Malnati (4), $16,050	67-68-75-74—284
Geoff Ogilvy (4), $16,050	73-69-72-70—284
Greg Owen (4), $16,050	69-70-71-74—284
Ken Duke (4), $15,375	70-69-70-76—285
Spencer Levin (4), $15,375	71-71-73-70—285
Nicholas Lindheim (4), $15,375	70-70-71-74—285
Alex Moon, $15,375	74-66-72-73—285
Bob Estes (3), $14,925	71-68-71-77—287
Brendon Todd (3), $14,925	70-71-71-75—287
Greg Chalmers (3), $14,700	68-71-74-75—288
D.A. Points (3), $14,550	69-72-74-76—291
J.J. Spaun (3), $14,400	73-69-74-77—293

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AFC Grassroots Football Day 2017 3 vs 3 Tournament

PHOTOS By JON PEREZ and ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Kanoa FC wins the U12A division crown in the Asian Football Confederation Grassroots Football Day 2017 3 vs 3 Tournament held early this month at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

Tan Holdings players and coaches pose with their runner-up U12A title.

MP United places third in the same division.

MP United ends up at third place.

Southern United FC players get the runner-up medals after losing to Matansa FC in the finals.

Players exchange high-fives after their game.

Matansa FC players and coaches show their championship trophies in the U12B division champion.

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Michiteru Mita watches the action in the U12A division game.

Bradley hits last-second shot, Celtics stun Cavs, 111-108

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Falcons clinch first finals berth

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Talaabwogh Falcons pitcher hurls to a Comets batter during their Junior League division game in the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball last week at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Talaabwogh Falcons reasserted their might against the Comets, coasting to a 10-0 victory and taking the first finals seat in the Junior League division of the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Falcons, who beat the Comets in the battle for the division pennant early this month, earned the win after only five innings via 10-run mercy rule.

Joel Norita towed the Falcons to the shutout victory as he threw a three-hitter in five innings and recorded five strikeouts. The Falcons ace also scored one run at the bottom of the third inning when his team made five more runs to widen the gap and set up the win two innings earlier.

The Falcons were only ahead by one, 1-0, going into the bottom of the third. Joel Gildilak led off for the Falcons, singled, and stole home, while Norita gave the squad their second run off a fielder's choice. Zack Reyes was next to reach off a Comets' wild pitch, while a two-RBI single from Isaiah Teigita upped their advantage to 6-1. Teigita added one more run off another Comets' defensive miscue before the latter got the third out when relief pitcher Sab Saures struck out Gildilak to end the inning.

Earlier at the top of the third, the Comets had runners stranded at second and first when Norita struck out Bing Nakamura. The Comets' first two batters in the third were booted out on a 1-3 and 2-6 plays. In the second inning,

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Philippines' Jose Antonio Tria makes a baseline return to Thailand's Guintinun Sootinun-Opart during the first set of their qualifying match in the boys singles event of the 2017 Northern Marianas Juniors Championships, yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

Akimaru, Villacrusis gain first place honors

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Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru and Christian Villacrusis stood out in their respective age group competitions in the 2017 Guam Swimming Championships held over the weekend at the Hagatna Pool.

Akimaru ruled the boys 15 to 16 age group, beating six other swimmers from Guam. He collected 70 points for topping five events and getting one runner-up finish to prevail against Tsunami Guam's Caleb White (61) and Manhoben Swim Club's Tanner (55) and Santiago (49) Poppe, Gabe Giovenco (43), and Gray Harvey (37).

The 16-year-old Akimaru won the 100m (1:04.34) and 50m butterfly (27.57 seconds) and 50m (25.85 seconds), 200m (2:07.75) and 400m (4:25.52) freestyle, and placed second in the 100m freestyle (57.64 seconds).

Villacrusis, on the other hand, was ranked first in the 200m individual medley (2:34.08) and 50m (35.36 seconds) and 100m (1:18.69) breaststroke and took third place in the 50m (27.77 seconds), 100m (1:03.48) and 200m (2:22.85) freestyle and 50m (30.44 seconds) and 100m butterfly (1:13.02).

With his three first place finishes and Top 3 rankings in five other races, Villacrusis earned 57 points and edged the Federated States of Micro-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
From left, Saipan Swim Club coach Jacoby Winkfield, Kento Akimaru, David Boyer, Christian Villacrusis, and Jinju Thompson pose for a photo after competing in the 2017 Guam Swimming Championships held over the weekend at the Hagatna Pool.

Four survive qualifier; 12 CNMI bets in main draw

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Four players made the grade in the 2017 Northern Marianas Juniors Championships, while 12 from the host island are entered in the main draw of the ranking competition that will kick off today at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

India's Kaushik Hariharan and Vatsin Thaker, Japan's Nowa Matsubayashi, and Thailand's Guintinun Sootinun-Opart won slots in the main draw of the boys singles event after surviving the two-day qualifying tournament that featured 16 players.

The Thai secured one of the four qualifying spots after sweeping the Philippines' Jose Antonio Tria, 6-2, 6-2, yesterday. Tria made it to the second round of the qualifier following a 6-1, 6-3 triumph over Indian's Anuj Anil Patel last Sunday, while Sootinun-Opart marched after downing Japan's Keiju Miyake, 6-2, 6-2.

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